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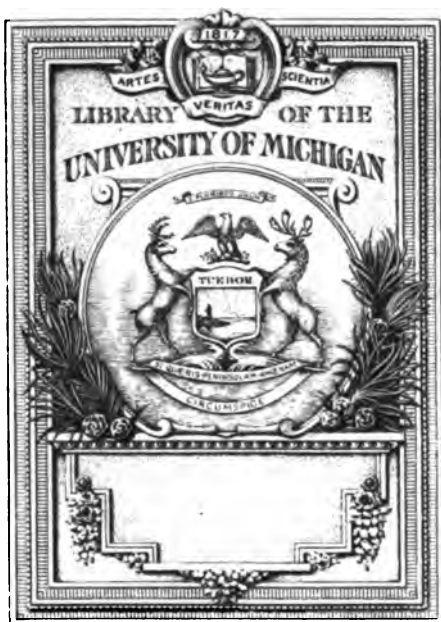
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Term expires Nov. 30, 1898.

FRED A. HOWLAND, - - - - Montpelier
Term expires Nov. 30, 1897.

MARY L. TITCOMB, *Secretary*, - - - - Rutland
Term expires Nov. 30, 1896.

LOUISE L. BARTLETT, - - - - St. Johnsbury.
Term expires Nov. 30, 1900.



BILLINGS LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

The Board of Library Commissioners herewith submits its first biennial report. The law under which the Commission was established, is as follows :

No. 37 of the Acts of 1894.—(Vermont Statutes, Secs. 875-882.)
—AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont :

SECTION 1. The Governor shall appoint five persons, residents of the State, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. The Governor shall designate the chairman thereof. One member of said board shall be appointed for the term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year ; and thereafter the term of office of the commissioners shall be five years. All vacancies on said board, whether occurring by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled by the Governor.

SEC. 2. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection of books, the cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library ; and the board shall give such advice in regard to said matters as it shall find practicable. The board shall make a report of its doings biennially to the general assembly.

SEC. 3. Said board shall expend, upon the application of the board of library trustees of any town having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for any such town entitled to the

benefit of this act ; such books shall be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and said commissioners shall select and purchase all books so provided.

SEC. 4. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has elected a board of library trustees and voted to instruct such board to make an application to the state board of library commissioners under this act, and until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the state board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act. The provisions of number *three of the acts of 1892 shall apply to the election of boards of library trustees under this section and to said trustees when so elected.

SEC. 5. Any town which has voted to instruct its library trustees to make an application to the state board of library commissioners under this act shall annually appropriate for the maintenance of its free public library a sum not less than fifty dollars, if its grand list is ten thousand dollars or upward, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars, if its grand list is less than ten thousand dollars and not less than twenty-five hundred dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars, if its grand list is less than twenty-five hundred dollars.

SEC. 6. No member of the state board of library commissioners shall receive any compensation, but the board may expend a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars annually for necessary expenses in the discharge of its duties, including all expenses for the transportation of books ; and all sums lawfully expended by said board under the provisions of this act shall be paid from the state treasury.

SEC. 7. Whenever any town shall have accepted the conditions prescribed by this act the State board of library commissioners shall so certify to the State Auditor and he shall

*Probably number 53 is intended:

draw an order upon the Treasurer payable to said commissioners for one hundred dollars to be expended in the purchase of books as provided in this act.

SEC. 8. The state board of library commissioners shall have the power to make such rules for their own government, and for the care of the libraries which may be furnished by the State as they may deem expedient, and not inconsistent with the laws of this State.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect from its passage, and shall be subject to future legislation to alter, amend or repeal.

Approved November 6, 1894.

APPOINTMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

In accordance with the provisions of this law, the Governor appointed the following persons to constitute the Board of Library Commissioners :

S. W. Landon, Burlington, for five years.

H. E. Rustedt, Richford, for four years.

Alfred E. Watson, Hartford, for three years.

Mary L. Titcomb, Rutland, for two years.

Louise L. Bartlett, St. Johnsbury, for one year.

Mr. A. E. Watson declined to serve, and Mr. Fred A. Howland of Montpelier was appointed to fill the vacancy. Miss Louise L. Bartlett's term of office under the first appointment expired November 30, 1895, and she was then reappointed by the Governor for the term of five years.

The Governor designated S. W. Landon as chairman, and at the first meeting of the Commission, held at Burlington, January 19, 1895, the organization was completed by the election of Mary L. Titcomb as secretary.

Seven meetings of the Commission have been held, at which every one of the members was present, except that one

member was unable, through a failure in the connection of trains, to attend the first session of a meeting held at Montpelier.

DOCUMENTS ISSUED.

The following documents have been issued and carefully distributed. The most of these circulars are readily self-explanatory, and need no comment. Nos. 1 and 6 contained, besides the matter printed, the text of the library law. Copies of these on the dates which they respectively bear were mailed to at least two persons in each town not known to have a public library. No. 5 was freely distributed wherever it could be of any value in the conduct of library matters. One copy, at least, of No. 7 was sent to each town in the State. From the information thus secured, the tables on pages 27-40 were prepared. The response to this circular was not so full and general as it was hoped it might be, hence the complete history of library matters in all the towns of the State cannot be given, as was intended, in this report.

No. 1.

STATE OF VERMONT.

STATE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

BURLINGTON, VT., Feb. 1, 1895.

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At its last session the General Assembly passed "An Act to promote the Establishment of Free Public Libraries," which is printed in full on another page ; and to assist in carrying out its provisions the undersigned Commissioners have been appointed by the Governor.

This circular is intended to direct the attention of citizens to the act referred to, that those interested in such matters may be prepared to take advantage of its provisions whenever the general interest in the establishment of a free public library in any town seems to warrant such action.

A law making the same appropriations under practically the same conditions has been operative in Massachusetts and in New Hampshire for several years, and with such a degree of success that we do not hesitate to urge upon towns the acceptance of the provisions of this act. Yet it should be understood that the amount appropriated by the State is intended to serve only as a stimulus to the formation of free public libraries, and will in itself accomplish very little if not supplemented by contributions from other sources, and the zealous interest and attention of those who, like Ben Franklin, "purpose to render the benefit from books more common." The Commissioners therefore appeal to you to bring the matter of the establishment of a free public library in your town before the citizens by informal or public meetings, and to stimulate them to secure funds for the purpose by entertainments and social gatherings, or by soliciting subscriptions of money and donation of book from persons who are interested in the intellectual welfare or material prosperity of the town.

To take advantage of the act the following articles should be inserted in the warning for the coming town meeting:

1. To see if the town will elect a board of library trustees and instruct such board to make an application to the state board of library commissioners under Act No. 37, Acts of 1894.
2. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the maintenance of a free public library.

In Sec. 4 of the act printed below it will be noticed that reference is made to No. 3, Acts of 1892. The reference should doubtless be No. 53, Acts of 1892; and the Commissioners suggest that the board of library trustees be elected in

accordance with the provisions of No. 53, and be, as therein set forth, five in number and elected when first chosen, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years.

The Board invite correspondence, and are desirous of rendering any assistance possible toward the formation and effective management of free public libraries.

When trustees have been elected by any town they will receive, on communication with the Secretary of the Board, blanks and instructions enabling them to secure the benefits of the act.

S. W. LANDON, Chairman, Burlington,
H. E. RUSTEDT, Richford,
FRED A. HOWLAND, Montpelier,
Miss MARY L. TITCOMB, Secretary, Rutland,
Miss LOUISE L. BARTLETT, St. Johnsbury,
State Board of Library Commissioners.

No. 2.

To be attached to the
Application of the Trustees.

STATE OF VERMONT.

CERTIFICATE OF TOWN CLERK.

.....Vt., 189

To the Board of Library Commissioners :

I,..... Town Clerk of....., Vermont,
hereby certify that at the annual town meeting of said town
held on the first Tuesday of March, 189 , the following named
persons were elected a board of library trustees for the terms
specified :

(Name.)

(Term for which Elected.)

.....

 That at said March meeting the town voted to instruct such board to make application to the state board of library commissioners under Act. No. 37 of the acts of 1894 :

That at said meeting the town further voted an appropriation for the maintenance of its free public library in the sum of dollars ; and that the grand list of said town when said vote was taken was

I further certify that the town of has no free public library owned or controlled thereby, and that the action hereinbefore set forth was taken pursuant to the following articles inserted in the warning for said town meeting :

Town Clerk of Vermont.

No. 3.

(Attach to this the certificate of the Town Clerk.)

STATE OF VERMONT.

APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

..... Vt., 189

To the Board of Library Commissioners :

The Library Trustees of the town of, Vermont, elected as specified in the attached certificate of the Town Clerk, hereby make application, under the provisions of Act 37 of the Acts of 1864, for the appropriation of \$100 therein made by the State.

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 Chairman Board of Trustees.

No. 4.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

To the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees :

....., Vermont.

DEAR SIR:

Section 4 of No. 37 of the Acts of 1894, entitled, "An act to promote the establishment of free public libraries," reads in part as follows :

" No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has elected a board of library trustees and until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the state board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act."

In view of the obligation thus resting upon the state board of library commissioners, you are requested to make answer to the following questions.

1. What provision has been made for a library room and where is it located ?

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2. Who is to be the librarian, if determined, and what, if any, compensation, is to be paid ?

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3. What days and hours is the library to be kept open for the loan and return of books ?

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4. Are any books already available or soon to be turned over to the town as a part of the free public library ? If so, please furnish the secretary of the state board with a complete list of such books, that they may not be duplicated.

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5. Is there any library already established in the town? If so, please state the approximate number of books in it, its condition, and in a general way the terms upon which the books are loaned.

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6. By what name is your library to be known?

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It is suggested that you keep a book, containing a record of all books furnished by the State, and enter in this book a record of each volume added to the library from whatever source.

While it is the duty of the state board to eventually decide upon the books to be furnished to each town, they would nevertheless be pleased to receive voluntary suggestions from the trustees in each town as to the character of books preferred, or even to receive lists of books considered desirable if any trustees wish to submit them. Since, however, the responsibility for the selection to be made rests upon the state board alone, they cannot promise to follow suggestions made by trustees further than their judgment approves.

The secretary of the state board is prepared to furnish library cards and book slips suited to your library at the cost of procuring them.

Respectfully,

MARY L. TITCOMB,

Secretary,

....., 189 .

Rutland, Vt.

No. 5.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

Suggestions to the Librarian of the Small Library:

The methods which are found useful, and even necessary, in libraries of several thousand, or even one thousand volumes, will generally prove too complicated for the library starting with a smaller number.

Common sense, and a conscientious desire to promote the usefulness of the library, will, in most cases, guide the librarian into formulating the rules best for each individual community.

It should be remembered in this connection that after all the personal equation is the largest factor in the success of any library. Enthusiasm in the work and a belief in it as a powerful aid to the advancement of the town; in brief, the true librarian's spirit, which must before all things be the *missionary* spirit, will do more to make the library a power for good than any code of rules.

Supplies.—Broadly speaking there are only three things absolutely necessary for the smallest library, viz.: an accession-book, a register and a borrower's card. If you can afford it, add book-plates, a dating stamp and book labels. The State Library Commission is prepared to furnish the accession-book, borrower's card, register and dating stamp at the cost of preparation, or they may be procured from the Library Bureau, 146 Franklin Street, Boston.

Ordering and entering Books.—If not near a large town, it is best to order from some large firm in Boston or New York, who will give you from 30 to 33 per cent. discount. W. B. Clarke & Co., DeWolfe Fiske & Co., and Estes & Lauriat, of Boston, are reliable firms. If, however, you are near some large local dealer, advantageous terms may be made with him and the cost

of transportation lessened. The first step when the books arrive, is to go through the box and compare the bill with the books, checking on the bill every item that is correct. It is also well to examine each book carefully to find if it is a perfect copy.

If you have a book-plate it should be pasted inside the first cover. Ordinary flour paste with a little alum and a few drops of oil of cloves is good, and will keep for several weeks if tightly sealed. The following is a simple form of book-plate :

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ACCESSION No. . . . CLASS . . .

Next comes the entry of books in the accession-book, thus :

| Accession No. | Class. | Vol. | Author. | Title. | Place and Publisher. | Date. |
|---------------|--------|----------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|---|
| 21 | F | I | Harrison, C. C. | A bachelor maid. | N. Y. Century. | 1894 |
| Pages. | Size. | Binding. | Source. | | Cost. | Remarks. |
| 225 | D | Cloth | W. B. Clarke & Co. | | .67 | Lost by J. Brown, paid for March 10. '95. |

It will be seen that if this is accurately kept it constitutes a complete list of books in the library. If a book is lost or worn out an exact copy may be replaced by reference to it before ordering. In case of fire the accession-book will give the exact value of every volume lost.

Classification.—It is well to adopt some simple form of classification. There are various systems, all good, but a library of over five hundred volumes cannot go wrong by adopting the Dewey system, which is largely used. For the smaller library the following is a simple method. This and the charging system are recommended by Miss Hewins of the Connecticut Library Association :—

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| A. Arts and Amusements. | B. Biography. |
| C. Children's Books. | F. Fiction. |
| H. History. | L. Literature—Essays, Poetry and Drama. |
| M. Magazines. | |
| R. Reference. | S. Science. |
| T. Theology—Education and Charitable Work. | |

The class letter, besides being written on the book plate, should be placed on a label (Dennison's No. 209 is a good size) and pasted on the back of the book. Books should be charged under the accession number, but should be kept on the shelf under the author's name. That is, keep all books by one author together. When you get a new one, make room for it. The following is an example of shelf arrangement :

BARR.—Between two loves.
 " A border shepherdess.
 " Paul and Christina.
 BARRIE.—The little minister.
 " A window in thrums.
 BLACK.—A daughter of Heth.
 CRAWFORD.—The Ralstons.
 " A Roman singer.

Arrange the biography alphabetically by subjects.

Registering Names.—The register consists of a blank book. At the top of each page is written or printed, "I promise to obey the rules of the —— library," and each line drawn down the page is numbered. Have the applicant for the book sign his name and address under the pledge. The number at the left of the line will then be used as his card number. Do not require any age limit for your readers. After registering, provide each with a card similar to this :

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

NAME No.

| LOANED. | BOOK. | RETURNED. | LOANED. | BOOK. | RETURNED. |
|---------|-------|-----------|---------|-------|-----------|
| | | | | | |

On the reverse side rules similar to the following should be printed. At the top of the card.

“The Library is open from to”

1. This card gives the owner a right to take out one book. It must always be presented when a book is borrowed, returned or renewed.

2. If this card is lost, two cents must be paid for a new one.

3. If the place of residence of the owner is changed notice must be sent to the Library. This card must be returned if the owner moves out of town.

4. Books can be kept fourteen days, unless otherwise specified, and may be renewed once if not in demand.

5. A fine of one cent a day and costs of recovery must be paid for books kept over time.

6. The owner of a card is responsible for all books and fines charged against him. All books lost or injured must be paid for.

7. Any person intentionally breaking the rules of the Library may be deprived of its use at the discretion of the Trustees.

8. A person who wilfully and maliciously writes upon or injures a book, plate, picture, engraving or statue belonging to a law, town or public library, shall be fined not less than five dollars and not more than one thousand dollars.—*Extract from Revised Laws of Vt., Chap. 195, Sec. 4216.*

Charging Books.—There are various charging systems, but a simple way is for the librarian to cut out from manilla paper a number of slips of convenient size, say six inches high and eight wide. These slips should be ruled on both sides, across the page in blue and down in red, the red lines being half an inch apart. Leave a half-inch space at the top of the page, and write the reader's name and card number on the first line. When a book is drawn stamp the date upon the slip, then write either the accession number or the title of the book. Below is a specimen of three lines of the slip :

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|------|-----|
| RICE, WILLIAM A. | | | 53. |
| J 4 | 900 | J 18 | |
| J 18 | 22 | J 20 | |

The borrower's card should then be stamped with the date in the space marked "Loaned," and the accession number placed in the space marked "Book."

When the day's work is done, sort the slips, arranging them in order of the borrower's names, and put them together in a box of suitable size, headed by a slip marked with the date. Upon the return of the book, look at the borrower's card, note there the date when loaned and the borrower's name, and stamp the date of return upon it, and also on the borrower's card. If you do not use a stamp the date may be written.

SHELF LIST.—For the purpose of a small catalogue and for the sake of making the work a little more systematized, it is advisable to keep a shelf list. Write it on one side, either of half sheets of common writing paper, or on pages ruled for the purpose, and keep them carefully arranged in large manilla envelopes. The form of entry is like this :

| Accession No. | Class F. | |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 50 | Harrison, C. C. | The anglomaniacs. |
| 225 | | A bachelor maid. |
| 65 | | Bar Harbor days. |
| 82 | Hawthorne, N. | The Blithedale romance. |

Leave spaces between the entries for books to be added in the future. Once a year check all the books on the shelf by this list. Then look over your charging list and find whether any books are missing.

Libraries in the smaller towns wishing to start without at first undertaking any system of classification may prefer to adopt even more simple methods than above stated.

In such cases their special needs may be confined to three well-bound blank books. The first one is to be used as a register, the second as an accession book and the third a record book for recording the loan and return of books.

On each line of the record book the following four entries should be made when a book is loaned.

| Date of Loaning. | Borrower's Name. | Name, or Accession No. of Book. | Date of Returning. |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | |

If there are exactly twenty-five lines on each page of the book, the circulation of the library for any given time may easily be ascertained.

The register and accession book have been fully described in preceding paragraphs. Under these circumstances, the

accession book, besides its original purpose, serves as a catalogue to the library and a shelf list, as the books are placed on the shelves according to their accession numbers.

The accession numbers should be written plainly in ink on a label on the back of each book, and also on the back side of the title page. This guards against the loss of the number in case the label is injured or the book rebound.

Do all in your power to make the library useful. Form the habit of noting the taste of each reader and see that he is supplied with everything the library contains on his specialty. Do not make the mistake of thinking children are of no consequence. If there is any preference let it be shown to them. Begin when your library opens and collect all printed matter of local interest, no matter how unimportant it seems at the time. Everything of the kind helps to make the history of your place. On the other hand do not be afraid to refuse worthless, though well-intentioned, gifts. If you have not much space, it is better to have nothing on your shelves that is not of actual use. Do not, however, class under this head files of magazines, bound or unbound. You will find them one of the best tools for a working library, especially when you can afford a copy of Poole's Index and Supplements, which will unlock their treasures to you. The foregoing suggestions are intended only for the smallest libraries. If your library is so fortunate as to grow to such dimensions that a more complex administration is necessary, if possible, go to some library training class, like Mr. W. J. Fletcher's July Summer School, at Amherst, Mass., but if this is not possible, read carefully Miss M. W. Plummer's "Hints to Small Libraries," to be obtained of any book-seller at a cost of twenty five cents.

Study well-made catalogues until you get an insight into cataloguing. Get also, through the U. S. Bureau of Education, the "A. L. A." Catalogue, and Cutler's Rules for a Dictionary Catalogue, both government publications, which will help you

greatly. Take and read dilligently the Library Journal, and lose no opportunity of visiting larger libraries or of putting yourself in communication with other librarians, whom you will find universally willing to give you the benefit of their experience.

You will find it also greatly to your advantage to join the American Library Association, as well as the Vermont Library Association, lately organized. An explanation of the aim and scope of both these organizations may be had upon application to

MISS MARY L. TITCOMB, Secretary,
RUTLAND, Vt.

No. 6.

STATE OF VERMONT.

STATE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

BURLINGTON, VT., Feb. 1, 1896.

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At the session of 1894 the General Assembly passed "An Act to Promote the Establishment of Free Public Libraries," which is printed in full on another page. To assist in carrying out its provisions the undersigned Commissioners were appointed by the Governor.

At the town meeting, in March, 1895, over forty towns, representing every county in the State, took favorable action upon this matter, made the required appropriation, and nearly all have received through the Commissioners the books provided by the State.

The lists of books furnished the different towns were not duplicates but each list was made up by the Commissioners, with careful reference to the situation and needs of that individual

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town, the books already available for its use and the expressed wishes of its trustees. For this reason the number of books was not the same for all of the towns, but varied from 90 to 143.

In these towns, with the State appropriation as a nucleus, very creditable libraries have been established and are in successful operation, and the earnestness and enthusiasm in the matter everywhere manifest give great promise of their future usefulness. Many of these town libraries have been increased by gifts of books from individuals and organizations of various kinds, and in some instances liberal donations in money have been made by those who saw in the public library a most useful and far reaching channel for their benevolence.

The operation of the law during the first year of its existence, so far as can be now judged, has been eminently successful, by setting in motion influences most potent for the social, intellectual and moral advancement of the people.

This circular is intended to direct the attention of citizens to the act referred to, that those interested in such matters may be prepared to take advantage of its provisions whenever the general interest in the establishment of a free public library in any town seems to warrant such action.

It should be understood that the amount appropriated by the State is intended to serve only as a stimulus to the formation of free public libraries, and will in itself accomplish very little if not supplemented by contributions from other sources, and the zealous interest and attention of those who, like Ben Franklin, "propose to render the benefit from books more common." The Commissioners therefore appeal to you to bring the matter of the establishment of a free public library in your town before the citizens by informal or public meetings, and to stimulate them to secure funds for the purpose by entertainments and social gatherings, or by soliciting subscriptions of money and donation of books from persons who are interested in the intellectual welfare or material prosperity of the town.

To take advantage of the act the following articles should be inserted in the warning for the coming town meeting :

1. To see if the town will elect a board of library trustees and instruct such board to make an application to the State board of library commissioners under Act No. 37, Acts of 1894.

2. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the maintenance of a free public library.

In Sec. 4 of the act printed below it will be noticed that reference is made to No. 3, Acts of 1892. The reference should doubtless be No. 53, Acts of 1892 ; and the Commissioners suggest that the board of library trustees be elected in accordance with the provisions of No. 53, and be, as therein set forth, five in number and elected when first chosen, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years.

The board invite correspondence, and are desirous of rendering any assistance possible toward the formation and effective management of free public libraries.

When trustees have been elected by any town they will receive, on communication with the Secretary of the Board, blanks and instructions enabling them to secure the benefits of the act.

STATE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

No. 7.

STATE OF VERMONT,

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

TOWN OF.....

If there is a public library in your town, then an answer is desired to the following questions :

1. Name of Library.....
Date of establishment.....

2. Is the library supported wholly or mainly by taxation?
.....; if not, give name of society, association or corporation owning and supporting it.....

3. Is the library entirely free to the public..... ;
or is a membership or subscription fee charged?
 4. Is the library circulating,..... ; or reference,
..... ; or both?
 5. Is there a reading room supplied with periodicals?....
..... ; if so, how many?
 6. Does the library occupy its own building?..... ;
or rented building?..... ; or is a building furnished
to the library free?, occupy whole or part of
building?..... ; library building erected when?....
..... ; with what fund?
 7. Is there a cut of building?.....
 8. State days and hours of opening
 9. Trustees—state how chosen and length of term of
office.....
 10. Give name and addrees of Librarian, and amount of
compensation, if any.....
 11. State number of assistants, if any
 12. Number of bound volumes owned May 1, 1896.....
 13. Number of bound volumes added during last year....
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 14. Number of books issued last year.....
 15. Is there any especial provision made for teachers and
school children?, if so, what?.....
 16. If the library is wholly or partly supported by a pub-
lic tax, what is the rate per cent levied for its benefit?.....
 17. Has the library received aid from the State?.....
 18. Amount received annually from taxation, \$.....
 19. Amount received annually from endowment, \$.....
 20. Amount received from annual dues or book rents,
\$.....
 21. If the library is endowed, state by whom.....
 22. Any other information you can give relative to the
history, establishment, maintenance or future of the library will
be gratefully received.
- Reported by
- Date..... Official Title.....

NOTE.—As replies to the foregoing questions are desired for use in the preparation of our biennial report, and as the time is limited before its publication, we ask that you should fill out and return this circular withing a few days after its receipt.

MARY L. TITCOMB, Secretary,
Rutland, Vt.

TOWN LIBRARIES AIDED BY THE STATE.

Under the provision of this law fifty-nine towns have already established libraries and received the books from the state. Of these forty-one took favorable action in March, 1895, and eighteen in March, 1896. Two other towns voted the appropriation and elected trustees at the last town meeting, but have not yet made such arrangements for the maintenance of their libraries as to warrant them in asking for the state appropriation. It is probable that two or three other towns voted to accept the provision of the Act, but the Commissioners have received no official notice of their action in the matter. The following is the list of towns that have received the books furnished by the state :

Alburg, Andover, Athens, Barton, Brighton, Cabot, Canaan, Chittenden, Concord, Enosburg, Fletcher, Franklin, Georgia, Granby, Granville, Groton, Hardwick, Hartland, Hyde Park, Isle La Motte, Johnson, Kirby, Landgrove, Lunenburg, Lyndon, Marshfield, Montgomery, Newport, Northfield, Orange, Orwell, Peru, Pomfret, Poultney, Putney, Randolph, Ripton, Rochester, Royalton, Ryegate, Sharon, Shelburne, Sheldon, South Hero, Stamford, Stockbridge, Sunderland, Sutton, Vershire, Walden, Waterford, Waterville, Westfield, Westford, Westmore, West Windsor, Wilmington, Windham, Woodbury.

TABULATED REPORT OF LIBRARIES.

In the following tables the dotted lines indicate that the town has reported that there is no library, or that there is no item for the space in which the dots occur. Blank spaces indicate that no report has been received.

ADDISON COUNTY.

| | Name of Library. | Date of Establishment. | Name of Librarian. | No. Vols. May '06. | Estimated '07. | Annual Tax. | Annual Dues. | Endowment. | By Whom Endowed. |
|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| Addison | | | | | | | | | |
| Bridgport | Ladies' Library, | No date. | Miss C. G. Blaisdell | No data. | No | | | | |
| Bristol | Bristol Library, | 1898 | E. R. Kilbourn, | 3,000 | No | | \$50 00 | | |
| Cornwall | Lane Library, | 1850 | Mrs. E. C. Porter, | 2,000 | Yes | | | | |
| Ferrisburgh | | | | | | | | | |
| Goshen | | | | | | | | | |
| Granville | Granville Library, | 1895 | Bessie Hubbard, | 121 | Yes | \$ 15 00 | | | |
| Hancock | | | | | | | | | |
| Leicester | | | | | | | | | |
| Lincoln | | | | | | | | | |
| Middlebury | Ladies' Library, | 1866 | Emma L. Higby, | 4,000 | No | | No data. | | |
| Monkton | | | | | | | | | |
| New Haven | | | | | | | | | |
| Orwell | Orwell Free Library, | 1896 | Mrs. R. D. Hall, | | Yes | 50 00 | | | |
| Panton | | | | | | | | | |
| Ripton | Ripton Free Library, | 1895 | T. Billings, | 128 | Yes | 15 00 | | | |
| Salisbury | | | | | | | | | |
| Shoreham | | | | | | | | | |
| Starkboro | | | | | | | | | |
| Vergennes | Vergennes Library, | 1876 | Mary P. Tucker, | 3,014 | No | 280 00 | 100 00 | | |
| Waltham | | | | | | | | | |
| Weybridge | | | | | | | | | |
| Whiting | | | | | | | | | |

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

| | Name of Library. | Date of Establish- ment. | Name of Librarian. | No. Vols. May '96. | Annual Tax. | Annual Dues. | Endow- ment. | By Whom Endowed. |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Arlington | Free Library, | 1865 | Mrs. M. B. Merrill, | 5,764 | 0 | \$106 00 | | |
| Bennington | Dorset Book Club, | 1870 | Henry Baldwin, | 600 | 0 | 12 00 | | |
| Dorset | | | | | | | | |
| Glasterbury | Landgrove Public Library. | 1895 | Mrs. R. R. Willey. | 128 | \$15 00 | | | |
| Landgrove | Manchester Library Assoc., | 1892 | No data. | 1,366 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Building being |
| Manchester | Peru Free Library, | 1895 | M. M. Whitney, | 128 | 15 00 | | | erected by |
| Peru | | | | | | | | Mrs. F. S. |
| Pownal | | | | | | | | Nilling. |
| Readsboro | | | | | | | | |
| Rupert | | | | | | | | |
| Sandgate | | | | | | | | |
| Shaftsbury | So. Shaftsbury Lib. Assoc., | 1874 | Mrs. Sarah Mirfield | 500 | 7 00 | 20 00 | | |
| Searsburgh | | | | | | | | |
| Stamford | Stamford Public Library, | 1895 | Fanny Tomlinson, | 145 | 15 00 | | | |
| Sunderland | Sunderland Town Library, | 1896 | H. S. Burt, | | | | | |
| Winhall | | | | | | | | |
| Woodford | | | | | | | | |

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

| Name of Library. | Date of Establishment. | Name of Librarian. | No. Vols. May '96. | 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. | Annual Tax | Annual Dues. | Endowment. | By Whom Endowed. |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|---|
| Barnet..... | | | | | | | | |
| Burke..... | | | | | | | | |
| Danville..... | | | | | | | | |
| Groton..... | 1882 | Ida M. Page. | 1,100 | Yes | \$ 25 00 | \$13 34 | | |
| Groton..... | 1895 | Maggie J. Morrison | 400 | Yes | \$ 25 00 | | | |
| Hardwick..... | 1895 | Mrs. Dana Cowles. | 724 | Yes | 100 00 | | | |
| Kirby..... | 1895 | Mrs. C. R. Bartlett. | 116 | Yes | 15 00 | | | |
| Lyndon..... | 1895 | E. M. Campbell, | 481 | Yes | 50 00 | | | |
| Newark..... | Not free. | | | | | | | |
| Peacham..... | No data | Anna E. Renford, | 1,648 | No | | | \$ 1,350 | Thaddius Stevens, |
| Ryegate..... | 1895 | Mary S. Beattie, | 400 | Yes | | | | { Mrs. M. E. Merrill, Mrs. R. E. Jones. |
| Sheffield..... | | | | | | | | Horace Fairbanks. |
| St. Johnsbury..... | 1871 | Louise L. Bartlett. | 14,301 | No | | | 52,000 | |
| Stannard..... | | | | | | | | |
| Sutton..... | 1895 | L. B. Wilson, | 260 | Yes | 25 00 | | | |
| Walden..... | 1895 | Geo. T. Eastman, | 250 | Yes | 25 00 | | | |
| Waterford..... | 1896 | E. W. Brown, | No data. | Yes | 25 00 | | | |
| Wheelock..... | | | | | | | | |

CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

| | Name of Library. | Date of Establish- ment. | Name of Librarian. | No. Vols. May '96. | Annual Tax. | Annual Dues. | Endow- ment. | By Whom Endowed. |
|----------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| Bolton | Billings Library, | 1800 | T. R. Barnum, | 50,925 | No | | | |
| Burlington | | | | | | | | |
| " | Fletcher Free Library, Horsford Library, | 1874 1875 | Sarah C. Hagar, Harris Prindle, | 35,000 1,000 | \$3,200 | No \$175 00 | \$50,000 Frederick Billings, 10,000 Miss Maria Loomis 1,200 Wheeler Fund. 500 Strong Fund. *600 Miss Mary Fletcher *50 00 L. H. Sherman. | |
| Charlotte. | | | | | | | | |
| { Winoski { | | | | | | | | |
| { Colchester { | | | | | | | | |
| Essex | | | | | | | | |
| Hinesburgh | | | | | | | | |
| Huntington | | | | | | | | |
| Jericho | | | | | | | | |
| Milton | | | | | | | | |
| Richmond | | | | | | | | |
| Shelburne | Shelburne Free Library, | 1888 | Mrs. M. E. Hurley, | 453 | 25 00 | Yes 2 26 | | |
| So. Burlington | | | | | | | | |
| St. George | | | | | | | | |
| Underhill | | | | | | | | |
| Westford | Westford Free Library, | 1896 | Eva M. Macomber, | 275 | 25 00 | Yes | | |
| Williston | | | | | | | | |

*Annually.

ESSEX COUNTY.

| Name of Library. | Date of Establishment. | Name of Librarian. | No. Vols. May '96. | 2 3 4 5 | Annual Tax. | Annual Dues. | Endow- ment. | By Whom Endowed. |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Bloomfield | | | | | | | | |
| Brighton | | | | | | | | |
| Brunswick | | | | | | | | |
| Canaan | | | | | | | | |
| Concord | | | | | | | | |
| East Haven | | | | | | | | |
| Granby | | | | | | | | |
| Guildhall | | | | | | | | |
| Lemington | | | | | | | | |
| Lunenburg | | | | | | | | |
| Maidstone | | | | | | | | |
| Norton | | | | | | | | |
| Victory | | | | | | | | |
| Island Pond Pub. Library, | 1895 | Leta J. Eaton, | 202 | Yes | \$50 00 | | | |
| Canaan Public Library, | 1895 | Mrs. W. I. Schoff, | 112 | Yes | 50 00 | | | |
| Concord Library, | 1896 | Warner Bingham, | no data. | Yes | 25 00 | no data | | |
| Granby Town Library, | 1895 | Letta Matthews, | 118 | Yes | 15 00 | \$1 25 | | |
| Lunenburg Pub. Library, | 1895 | Julia R. White, | 570 | Yes | 50 00 | | | |

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

| | Name of Library. | Date of Establishment. | Name of Librarian. | No. Vols. May '98. | Annual Tax. | Annual Dues. | Endowment. | By Whom Endowed. |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| Bakersfield | | | | | | | | |
| Berkshire | | | | | | | | |
| Enosburgh | Enosburgh Town Library, | 1896 | A. E. Galbraith, | No data. | Yes \$100 00 | No data. | | |
| Fairfax | | | | | | | | |
| Fairfield | | | | | | | | |
| Fletcher | Fletcher Public Library, | 1896 | Mrs. C. Carpenter, | 110 | Yes 25 00 | | | |
| Franklin | Franklin Library | 1896 | F. L. Hopkins, | Yes | 25 00 | No data. | | |
| Georgia | Free Public Library | 1895 | Abner Bliss, | No data. | Yes 25 00 | | | |
| Highgate | | | | | | | | |
| Montgomery | Montgomery Free Library | 1895 | Nina Patenaude, | 197 | Yes 25 00 | \$1 50 | | |
| Richford | Arvin Brown Pub. Lib'y, | No data. | I. F. Calkins, | 800 | No | | \$400 00* | Arvin A. Brown. |
| Sheldon | Sheldon Free Pub. Lib'y, | 1895 | No data. | 125 | Yes 25 00 | | | |
| St. Albans | | | | | | | | |
| Swanton | | | | | | | | |

* Annually.

GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

| | Name of Library. | Date of Establishment. | Name of Librarian. | No. Vols. May '98. | Annual Tax. | Annual Endowment. | By Whom Endowed. |
|------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Alburgh | Alburgh Town Library, | 1896 | Mrs. Oscar Brayton | No data | Yes \$500 00 | Nodata | |
| Grand Isle | Isle La Motte Free Library, | 1895 | Mary Montgomery | 117 | Yes 15 00 | | |
| South Hero | So. Hero Public Library, | 1895 | Mrs. W. P. Hall, | 106 | Yes 15 00 | | |
| North Hero | | | | | | | |

LAMOILLE COUNTY.

| | Name of Library. | Date of Establishment. | Name of Librarian. | No. Vols. May '98. | Annual Tax. | Annual Endowment. | By Whom Endowed. |
|------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Belvidere | | | | | | | |
| Cambridge | | | | | | | |
| Eden | | | | | | | |
| Elmore | | | | | | | |
| Hyde Park | Hyde Park Public Library, | 1895 | H. M. Noyes, | 300 | Yes \$ 50 00 | | |
| Johnson | Johnson Free Library, | 1895 | L. M. Jones, | 267 | Yes 50 00 | | |
| Morristown | Morristown Public Library | No data | F. Gled Fleetwood | 1600 | No 725 00 | \$100* | |
| Waterville | Public Library, | 1895 | Town Clerk, | No data | Yes 150 00 | No data | |
| Wolcott | | | | | | | |
| Stowe | Stowe Free Library, | 1896 | Mrs. M. A. Jenney, | 2000 | No 25 00 | | |

*Annually.

ORANGE COUNTY.

| Name of Library. | Date of Establishment. | Name of Librarian. | No. Vols. May '96. | Endowment. | Annual Tax. | Annual Dues. | Endowment. | By Whom Endowed. |
|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Bradford..... | 1895 | Mrs. A. O. Spalding. | 2,400 | No | | | \$5,000 | I. L. Woods. |
| Braintree..... | | | | | | | | |
| Brookfield..... | 1791 | W. I. Blodgett, | 2,000 | No | | \$48 52 | | |
| Chelsea..... | 1892 | Miss Nellie Corwin | 1,077 | No | \$ 50 00 | | | |
| Corinth..... | 1893 | Mrs. E. George, | 400 | No | No data. | no data. | No data. | No data. |
| Fairlee..... | | | | | | | | |
| Newbury..... | 1868 | F. M. Atkinson, | 1,400 | No | | | *12 00 | |
| Orange..... | 1881 | Mrs. B. F. Davis, | 500 | Yes | 15 00 | | | |
| Randolph..... | 1896 | No data. | 250 | Yes | 100 00 | | | |
| Stratford..... | 1842 | Marian C. Hatch, | 4,000 | No | | | *48 00 | |
| Thetford..... | 1866 | Harvey Dodge | 6,500 | No | | | 2,000 Geo. Peabody. | |
| "..... | 1877 | Miss M. Fletcher, | 8,000 | No | | 5 00 | *125 00 Mrs. A. Borney. | |
| Topsam..... | | | | | | | | |
| Tunbridge..... | | | | | | | | |
| Vershire..... | 1895 | K. C. Darling, | No data | Yes | 15 00 | | | |
| West Fairlee..... | | | | | | | | |
| Williamstown Soc. Lib'r'y, | 1803 | Geo. E. Wilber, | 2,600 | No | | 40 00 | | |
| Washington..... | | | | | | | | |

*Annually.

ORLEANS COUNTY.

| Name of Library. | Date of Establishment. | Name of Librarian. | No. Vols. May '96. | State Aid. | Annual Tax. | Annual Dues. | Annual Endowment. | By Whom Endowed. |
|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Albany..... | | | | | | | | |
| Barton..... | | | | | | | | |
| Brownington..... | | | | | | | | |
| Charleston..... | 1895 | I. N. Webster, | No data, | Yes | \$50 00 | No data. | | |
| Coventry..... | | | | | | | | |
| Craftsbury..... | | | | | | | | |
| Derby..... | | | | | | | | |
| Glover..... | | | | | | | | |
| Greensboro..... | | | | | | | | |
| Holland..... | | | | | | | | |
| Irasburg..... | | | | | | | | |
| Jay..... | | | | | | | | |
| Lowell..... | | | | | | | | |
| Morgan..... | | | | | | | | |
| Newport..... | 1895 | No data. | No data, | Yes | 100 00 | | | |
| Troy..... | | | | | | | | |
| Westfield..... | 1896 | Mrs. E. Brown, | No data. | Yes | 15 00 | | | |
| Westmore..... | 1898 | Mary E. Lyon, | 130 | Yes | 15 00 | | | |
| | | | [About] | | | | | |

RUTLAND COUNTY.

| Name of Library. | Date of Establishment. | Name of Librarian. | No. Vols. May '96. | % Aid. | Annual Tax. | Annual Dues. | Annual Endowment. | By Whom Endowed. |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Benson | 1865 | Dr. C. E. Strong, | 700 | No | | | | |
| Brandon | No data. | Mrs. C. E. Savery, | 3,000 | No | | \$80 00 | | |
| Castleton | 1895 | E. I. Perry, | 188 | Yes | \$ 25 00 | | | |
| Chittenden | | | | | | | | |
| Chittenden Free Pub. Lib. | | | | | | | | |
| Clarendon | | | | | | | | |
| Danby | | | | | | | | |
| Fair Haven | 1887 | Elizabeth Perkins, | 3,000 | No | 600 00 | | | |
| Hubbardton | | | | | | | | |
| Ira | | | | | | | | |
| Mendon | | | | | | | | |
| Middletown | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Holly | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Tabor | | | | | | | | |
| Pawlet | No data. | No Data. | | | | | | |
| Pawlet Town Library, | | | | | | | | |
| Maclure Library, | 1889 | Bertha M. Shaw, | 3,600 | No | 250 00 | | | H. F. Walker & others. |
| Poultney | 1895 | Addie Kilborn, | 1,000 | Yes | 600 00 | | | |
| Proctor | 1881 | J. T. Glasson, | 4,000 | No | | 67 55 | | |
| Proctor Library Association | | | | | | | | |
| H. H. Baxter, Memorial, | 1891 | Mrs W H Pomeroy | 19,000 | No | | | | Sup. by H. H. Baxter. |
| Rutland | 1886 | Mary L. Titcomb, | 10,000 | No | 3,000 | 78 00 | 1,000 | Theo. L. Smith fund. |
| Rutland Free Library, | | | | | | | 652 00 | Joel B. Harris fund. |
| Sherburne | | | | | | | | |
| Shrewsbury | | | | | | | | |
| Sudbury | | | | | | | | |
| Tinmouth | | | | | | | | |
| Wallingford | 1894 | Minnie Townsend, | 2,150 | No | 362 44 | | | [Gilbert Hart |
| Wells | | | | | | | | Building given by Mr. |
| West Haven | | | | | | | | |
| West Rutland | No data. | Geo. M. Hascall, | 1,160 | No | 850 00 | | | |
| W. Rutland Library Asso. | | | | | | | | |

WASHINGTON COUNTY

| Name of Library. | Date of Establishment. | Name of Librarian. | No. Vols. May '96. | Annual Tax. | Annual Dues. | Endowment. | By Whom Endowed. |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| Barre..... | 1887 | Edith A. Boyce, | 1,587 | No | \$110 00 | \$150 00 | ..... |
| Berlin..... | | Library, |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| Cabot..... | 1896 | Mrs C. E. Burnham | No data. | Yes | 25 00 | No data. | ..... |
| Calais..... | 1881 | Mrs. C. E. Robinson | 1,000 | No | No data. | 20 00 | ..... |
| Duxbury..... |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| E. Montpelier..... |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| Fayston..... |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| Marshfield..... | 1895 | A. T. Davis, | 132 | Yes | 25 00 |  | ..... |
| Middlesex..... |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| Montpelier..... |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| "..... | | | | | | | |
| Moretown..... | 1896 | Mary E. Macomber | 5,870 | No | | \$15,000 | John E. Hubbard. |
| Northfield..... | 1885 | E. S. Lease, | 6,070 | No |  |  | ..... |
| Plainfield..... |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| Roxbury..... | 1895 | Ellen S. Brown, | 1,250 | Yes | 45 00 |  | ..... |
| Waitsfield..... |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| Warren..... |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |
| Waterbury..... | 1888 | I. A. Straw, | 1,500 | No | | 78 35 | ..... |
| Woodbury..... | 1895 | B. H. Daniels, | Ab't 100 | Yes | 15 00 | No data. | ..... |
| Worcester..... |  |  |  |  |  |  | ..... |

WINDHAM COUNTY.

| Name of Library. | Date of Establishment. | Name of Librarian. | No. Vols. May '96. | 3 Cts. Aid. | Annual Tax. | Annual Dues. | Endowment. | By Whom Endowed. |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| Athens..... | 1895 | Mrs. S. E. Edwards, | Ab't 120 | Yes | \$ 15 00 | % data. | No data. | |
| Brattleboro..... | 1882 | W. C. Bradley, | 10,000 | No | 1,200 00 | | | |
| Brookline..... | | | | | | | | |
| Dover..... | | | | | | | | |
| Dummerston Library Ass., | 1862 | Henry H. Miller, | 148 | No | | | | |
| Grafton..... | % data. | Miss Zura Phelps, | 2,100 | No | 100 00 | | | |
| Guilford Free Library, | 1892 | Mrs. F. L. Wellman, | 953 | No | | \$4 00 | No data. | King Fund. |
| Halifax..... | | | | | | | | |
| Jamaica..... | | | | | | | | |
| Londonderry Library Ass., | 1882 | Mrs. F. N. Westcott, | 705 | No | | 400 00 | | |
| Marlboro..... | | | | | | | | |
| Newfane..... | | | | | | | | |
| Putney..... | | | | | | | | |
| Rockingham, Free | 1868 | Mrs. E. J. Plantier, | 6,180 | No | 900 00 | | | |
| Bellows Falls, Public Library, | | | | | | | | |
| Somerset..... | | | | | | | | |
| Stratton..... | | | | | | | | |
| Townshend..... | | | | | | | | |
| Vernon..... | | | | | | | | |
| Wardsboro..... | | | | | | | | |
| Westminster..... | | | | | | | | |
| Whittingham..... | 1895 | Ellen Pulnam, | 302 | Yes | 25 00 | | | |
| Wilmington..... | 1896 | E. H. Jones, | 180 | Yes | 15 00 | | | |
| Windham..... | | | | | | | | |
| Wilmington Public Lib'ry, | | | | | | | | |
| Windham Town Library, | | | | | | | | |

WINDSOR COUNTY.

| | Name of Library. | Date of Establishment. | Name of Librarian. | No. Vols. May '96. | By Whom Endowed. | Annual Tax. | Annual Dues. | Endowment. |
|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| Andover. | Andover Public Library, | 1895 | H. B. Stannard, | 108 | Yes | \$ 15 00 | | |
| Baltimore. | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel. | | | | | | | | |
| Barnard. | | | | | | | | |
| Bridgewater. | | | | | | | | |
| Cavendish. | Fletcher Town Library, | 1870 | E. G. White, | 5000 | No | 160 00 | | \$ 100* Judge R. Fletcher. |
| Chester. | Whiting Free Library, | 1892 | C. Ginevra Pollard | 2451 | No | | | 4,000 Laurin G. & Abigail B. Whiting. |
| Hartford. | | | | | | | | |
| Hartland. | Free Library. | 1896 | | | Yes | | | |
| Ludlow. | Florence Memorial Library | 1892 | Miss Lizzie Crane, | 1790 | No | | | 250* James S. Gill. |
| Norwich. | Norwich Public Library, | 1881 | Mary J. Davis, | 2014 | No | 37 00 | | |
| Plymouth. | | | | | | | | |
| Pomfret. | Pomfret Public Library, | 1896 | Mrs. W. A. Perkins | | Yes | 25 00 | | |
| Reading. | Library Association, | | | | | | | |
| Rochester. | Free Public Library. | 1895 | Miss Jessie Morgan | No data | Yes | 50 00 | | |
| Royalton. | Free Public Library, | 1896 | Rev. H. M. Goddard | 271 | Yes | 25 00 | | |
| Sharon. | Sharon Public Library, | 1895 | Mrs. C. R. Adams, | 1000 | Yes | 25 00 | \$ 5 00 | |
| Springfield. | | | | | | | | |
| Stockbridge. | Stockbridge Public Free Library. | 1895 | J. H. Chedel, | 218 | Yes | 25 00 | | |
| Weathersfield. | | | | | | | | |
| Windsor. | Windsor Library Association, | 1892 | Rev. E. N. Goddard | 7800 | No | 350 00 | | About 15,000 |
| Woodstock. | Norman Williams Public Library. | 1893 | Mrs. O. B. Jaquith, | 9826 | No | | | 2,720* Dr. E. H. Williams |
| Weston. | Weston Library Association to data | | Emma C. Peabody, | 370 | No | | | |
| West Windsor. | W. Windsor Free Pub. Lib. | 1895 | Sidney Walker, | 100 | Yes | 25 00 | No data | No data |

*Annually.

SELECTION AND PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

In making up the lists of books for the different towns every condition or fact that could properly affect the selection has been duly considered. In dealing with the application of any town a list of the books already available for that town, if there were any, was procured, the nature of its population and their pursuits was carefully studied, and suggestions from its library trustees as to the books that would be most useful and valuable were most earnestly invited. This plan has been followed in every instance, and the result is that among the fifty-nine lists there are no duplicates. For the same reason, the number of books furnished the different towns has varied, ranging from 90 to 147. Before purchasing any books the commissioners submitted, under exactly the same conditions, a list of nearly 500 titles to a number of wholesale dealers in different cities, and it is a matter of satisfaction to the commissioners, as it ought to be to every citizen of the state, that a Vermont firm could bid materially lower than any other house, and thus secure the contract. Equally favorable terms could not be secured by dealing directly with the publishers. Many of the libraries of the state, after careful investigation of the matter, are now procuring their books through this firm. In many instances, the dealers have, by taking advantage of special sales, been able to furnish the books at a lower price than that stated in the bid, and have voluntarily done so.

In selecting the books, the first aim has been of course, to procure such as contain the matter most interesting and useful for their readers. The second purpose, and one closely adhered to, has been to furnish books that, as good products of the book-maker's art, would command at least the respect of their users. The opposite course might have added largely to the number of books furnished each town, but not, we think, to the value and permanence of its library. It has seemed to the commissioners advisable that in all of the libraries, however small, the different

departments of literature should be represented in fair proportion, but in some measure especial prominence has been given to works relating to our state, and national history. The following are the lists of books furnished three of the towns that were practically without books :

(a) Short History of Art, American Girl's Handybook, Music Study in Germany, Hawthorne's Wonderbook, Each and All, Deerslayer, Boyhood in Norway, Jungle Book, Robinson Crusoe, Red Fairy Book, Two Little Pilgrims, Alice in Wonderland, Tom Brown at Rugby, Battlefields of '61, Summer in Hawaii, Rulers of the Mediterranean, Our Italy, Boy Travellers, Japanese Girls, Tramp Across the Continent, Across Asia, Well Worn Roads, Three in Norway, Family Flight, House of the Wolfe, Man of the Moss Hags, Danvis Folks, Prisoner of Zenda, Uncle Tom's Cabin, Romola, Our Mutual Friend, Marble Faun, Ivanhoe, Black Arrow, Bog, Myrtle and Peat, New England Fields, Jacobite, Cat of Bubastes, Green Mountain Boys, Courage, Water Babies, Lost in the Jungle, Midshipman Paulding, Red Jackets, Story of the American Indian, Little Women, Two Little Confederates, Clover, Nan, Julius Cæsar, Ethan Allen, Gen. Sherman, Grant's Memoirs, English Men of Letters, Daniel Webster, George William Curtis, Life of Napoleon, Recollections of Lincoln, New England Boyhood, Famous Men of Science, Sovereigns of Europe, Pushing to the Front, Stalker's Life of Christ, Our Country, Standish of Standish, Casting Away of Mrs. Lex, Armored of Lyonesse, Wolfenberg, Lorna Doone, Saracinesca, Sant Ilario, Dr. Breen's Practice, Life of Nancy, Exiles, John Bodewin's Testimony, Winners in Life's Race, Electricity for Everybody, How to Know the Wild Flowers, Miss Parloa, Astronomy with an Opera Glass, Our Common Birds, Little Brothers of the Air, Child's Garden of Verse, Characterists of Women, American Writers of To-day, American Poems, Tennyson, Golden Treasury, Lamb's Tales, From the Easy Chair, Democracy, Story of the Nation, Critical

Period of American History, Robinson's Vermont, Twelve Decisive Battles, Young Folks' History of France, Short History of English People, Holy Roman Empire, 1 Vol. Parkman, Peak and Prairie, Toilers of the Sea, Cadet Days, Malcolm, Fishin Jimmy, In Ole Virginia, Two Years Ago, In the Golden Days, Pendennis, Ben Hur, Jane Field, Chaplet of Pearls, Meadow Grass, Village Watch Tower, Under the Red Robe, Count Antonio, Captain Horn, Birdcraft.

(b) Green Mountain Boys, We Girls, Family Flight, Red Fairy Book, African Travellers, Little Sisters, Prince and Pauper, Lamb's Tales, Winning his way, Oregon Trail, Across Asia, Boy Travellers, China, New Eldorado, Tramp Trip, Rulers of the Mediterranean, Across the Continent, Around the World in the Yacht Sunbeam, Thousand Miles up the Nile, The Great West, Saunterings, Pushing to the Front, Bullfinch Mythology, Our Country, American Poems, Blue Poetry, Sketch Book, Golden Treasury, Afternoon Songs, Blue Jackets, Greece, Vermont, Boys of '76, Household history of the U. S., Rome, Mexico, English History, Yonge's France, Decisive Battles, Bow of Orange Ribbon, Sunrise, Saracinesca, In the Golden Days, Newcomes, Bleak House, Ben Hur, Timothy's Quest, Unknown to History, Sherlock Holmes, Leavenworth Case, Hoosier Schoolmaster, In His Name, Marble Faun, Wedding Journey, Romona, House of the Wolf, Raiders, Gallegher, Sam Lovell, Prisoner of Zenda, Quinten Durward, Marie, Romola, Toilers of the Sea' Foot, Lady or the Tiger, Fishin Jimmy, David Eldenbrood, Uncle Tom's Cabin, Jupiter Lights, John Brent, Unknown Heroine, Raleigh, Memoirs of Sherman, Personal Mem. Grant, Napoleon, Boy Heroes, Ethan Allen, Gustavus Adolphus, Tenting on the Plains, American Writers, Lincoln, Chittenden, Life of Alcott, Washington, Girls' Handy-book, Boys' Handybook, Talking Leaves, Wonder Book, Lord Fauntleroy, Spy, Alice in Wonderland, Tom Brown, Capt. January, Jungle Book, Velvet Gowns, Beautiful Joe, Story of

Patsey, Little Women, Columbus, Redskins, Cudjo's Cave, Among the Lawmakers, Moths and Butterflies, Wild Flowers, Miss Parloa, Little Brothers, Land Birds, Middlemarch, Boys' England, Chosen Valley, Under Fire, Electricity, Two Years Before the Mast, Beacon Lights, Melody, Famous Men of Science, William the Conqueror, My Apingi Kingdom.

(c) Among the Law Makers, Boston Cook-book, Familiar Flowers, Birds Calendar, Moths and Butterflies, Astronomy, Geology, Wonder Book, Flamingo Feather, Water Babies, Little Lord Fauntleroy, Prince and Pauper, Gulliver's Travels, Last of the Mohicans, Alice in Wonderland, Tom Brown's Schooldays, Tom Brown at Oxford, Captain January, Jungle Book, Little Sister, Beautiful Joe, Birds Xmas Carol, Hans Brincker, African Travellers, Pocahontas, For the Temple, Cat of Bubastes, My Apingi Country, Three Scouts, Green Mountain Boys, Faith Gartney's Girlhood, Family Flight, Green Fairy Book, Little Pussy Willow, Mrs. Dorr's Poems, Autocrat, Tales from Shakespeare, Heroic Ballads, Child's Garden of Verse, Lays of Ancient Rome, Age of Fable, New Era, Life of Christ, Oregon Trail, Our Italy, Strange Corners, Narcissa Bonnie Brier Bush, Errant Wooing, John Bodewin's Testimony, First Violin, David Elginbrood, Casting Away, Uncle Tom's Cabin, Anne, John Brent, Girl's Handy book Boy's Handy-book, Miss Alcott, Lincoln, Grant, Washington, Stoddard, Napoleon, Ethan Allen, Boots and Saddles, Julius Caesar, Two German Giants, American Explorers, Vanity Fair, Henry Esmond, Bleak House, Ben Hur, Polly Oliver, Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, Romona, Mercy Philbrick's Choice, Hoosier Schoolmaster, Graysons, In His Name, Marble Faun, One Summer, Woman's Reason, Gentleman of France, Story of Margredel, Raiders, Uncle Lisha, Sam Lovell, Prisoner of Zenda, Unknown Heroine, Maycock's First Books of Electricity, Boy Travellers, Congo, Blue Grass, Round the World, Glimpses of Three Coasts, Two Years Before the Mast, Battle Fields of '61, Greece, Young Folks' Greece,

Story of Liberty, Old Times and Colonies, Robinson's Vermont, Household History of the U. S., Spain, Famous Escapes, Mexico, English History, Friend Olivia, Princess of Thule, Roman Singer, Caged Lion, Knight Errant, Beacon Lights, Pushing to the Front, American Writers of To-Day, Electricity, True to the Old Flag.

Library cards, record books, and other supplies have been procured at the lowest obtainable prices, and furnished to over thirty of the towns at cost.

Much time has been given and assistance rendered by the two librarians upon the Board in advising and directing library trustees as to the organization and management of their libraries.

GENERAL RESULTS OF THE LIBRARY LAW.

Assuming that the library law was made for the good of the people of the State, the desire and effort of the Commissioners have been to make the public fully acquainted with its provision; to foster and encourage any genuine interest in library matters that might exist in any community, and to stimulate by legitimate means such interest where none existed. On the other hand, the utmost care has been taken not to encourage any town to take advantage of this Act simply to get a gift from the State. Library enthusiasts have been warned not to rely upon a momentary and fictitious enthusiasm, which, under a certain stimulus, might appear anywhere.

The results would seem to indicate that the efforts of the Commissioners have been reasonably successful. All of the libraries aided by the State show unmistakable signs of a vigorous life and of continued and increasing prosperity and usefulness. The gift from the State has evidently been accepted in the spirit in which it was intended, and has had its legitimate effect. In almost every

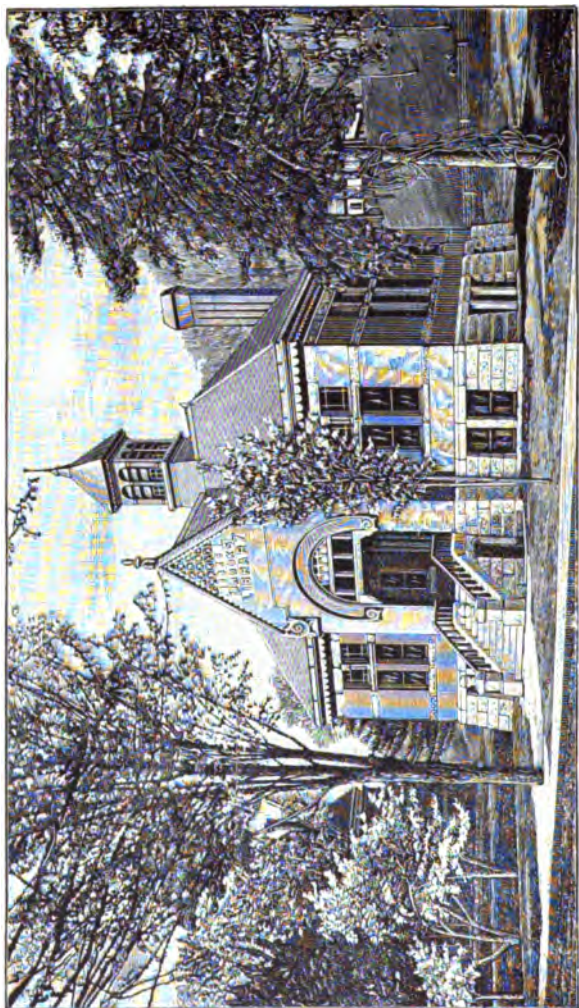
instance, additions have been made from various sources. Collections of books belonging to individuals, and organizations of different kinds have been donated to the town library. Funds for the purchase of new books have been raised by subscription and entertainments, both of which methods have served not only to increase the size of the library, but also to extend and deepen the interest in its welfare. To many of the libraries gifts of money, varying in size, have been made by those, who, with a thought for the future, as well as interest in all that elevates and refines in the present, have seen in the free public library a most favorable channel for their benevolence.

On the whole, it is the belief of the Commissioners that the effect of the library law has been most beneficial to the educational interest, in fact to all the material interests, of the State. The money expended has proved a good investment. Such at least is the testimony that comes from some of the smaller towns in which the libraries established have contributed wonderfully to the happiness, contentment and intellectual quickening of the people.

The work of the Commissioners must speak for itself. That it has silenced all criticism and fault-finding is not claimed. The Commissioners have not for a moment supposed that they were appointed for any such impossible task. The work has required from each Commissioner many days of labor, and it has all been done, as required by the law, without compensation, and all the expenses of the work have been kept within the small appropriation allowed for the purpose.

SOME OF THE
LARGER LIBRARIES OF VERMONT.

Descriptions and Illustrations.



BROOKS LIBRARY BUILDING, BRATTLEBORO, VT.

BRATTLEBORO FREE LIBRARY.

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The origin of the Brattleboro Free Library is to be found in the old Brattleboro Library Association, which dates from a meeting held October 3, 1842, "for the purpose of taking measures to organize a Public Library." Membership in this Association, conditioned on the payment of \$2.00 per share, subject to an annual assessment of \$1.00, was not confined to residents of the town. During the nearly forty years of the existence of this organization, the patrons never at any time exceeded a few hundreds, although the names of most of the well-known residents of Brattleboro and vicinity appear upon the list. In the winter of 1881-2, a movement was made to merge this library into one that

should be supported by the town, and made free to all residents. Consent of the individual shareholders was secured, and on the 7th day of March, 1882, the town voted to establish and maintain a Free Public Library as provided in the Revised Laws of Vermont, taking the books and other properties of the Association from the shareholders upon conditions set forth in the articles of agreement.

The year 1886 marks an era in the history of the Library, not less important than that in which it was adopted by the town. During this year Mr. George J. Brooks, with characteristic liberality, erected and furnished the present Brooks Library Building. His sudden death, a few days before the time appointed for the dedication, revealed his plans completed, even to the preparation of his address of presentation. On the evening of Jan. 25, 1887, at the service of dedication, the building was transferred by the executors of Mr. Brooks' estate to a Board of Trustees chosen by himself, by them to be held in trust for "the use and benefit of the town, for the purpose of a public library." Later, the heirs of Mr. Brooks placed in the hands of these Trustees the sum of \$15,000, for the maintenance of the building and its accessories. The Trustees of the Free Library, having been formally notified that the building was ready for their use, transferred the library to the present commodious quarters.

The Library numbers about 10,000 volumes for reference and circulation, besides about 2,000 in the Phelps Division. The latter are the gift of the late Judge James Phelps, of Townshend, and are for reference only. They consist of law books of special value, local history, and an interesting miscellaneous collection.

THE TENNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY OF NEWBURY.

NEWBURY CENTRE, VT., Aug. 1, 1896.

At a special town meeting held in Newbury, January 28th, 1896, it was unanimously voted to accept the terms of a proposal made by Miss Martha J. Tenney, of Haverhill, Mass., to erect a

building in Newbury Village for a free public library for the citizens of Newbury.

The conditions were as follows :

1st. That the building should be inscribed "The Tenney Memorial Library," in honor of the donor's father, Col. A. B. W. Tenney, a life-long and prominent resident of Newbury.

2d. The library to be under the control and management of nine trustees. This board to be self-perpetuating.

3d. The town to appropriate, annually, a sum of not less than one hundred and fifty dollars towards the care, maintenance and increase of the library.

4th. The town to provide for an insurance of not less than \$4,000 on the building and contents.

5th. In case of refusal or neglect to make this appropriation, the sum not being otherwise provided, the property to revert to the donor or her heirs.

The conditions being accepted, Miss Tenney instructed Mr. H. M. Francis, an architect of, Fitchburg, Mass., to prepare the plans and specifications for a building forty by forty-five feet in size, one story in height, to contain a reading room, reference library, library for general circulation, and an upper room for works of art, with cases for the preservation of articles of historic value.

Work was begun about June 1st, on a valuable site donated by its owners, and the building is now, August 1st, in process of construction, Mr. Littlehale, of Fitchburg, Mass., being the contractor.

It will be Romanesque in style, built of Ryegate granite, Longmeadow stone, and red brick, to contain the present village library and such additions as are made to it by Miss Tenney and others. The building is expected to cost about ten thousand dollars, and to be completed the present autumn.

Respectfully yours,

F. P. WELLS.

Chairman of Library Trustees.



BILLINGS LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT—BOOK ROOM.

FLETCHER FREE LIBRARY, BURLINGTON, VT.

The Fletcher Free Library was founded on the 14th day of July, 1873, by Mrs. Mary L. Fletcher and Miss Mary M. Fletcher, who expressed their desire to found a Library in and for the city, to be called The Fletcher Free Library, "on condition that the city provide a suitable library building and care for the same at the cost of the city," for which purpose, Mrs. Fletcher offered to give ten thousand dollars for the purchase of useful books, and Miss Fletcher proposed to give ten thousand as a fund, the income to be used for the purchase of books for said library. The trustees of the library appointed by Mrs. and Miss Fletcher were M. H. Buckham, D. D., President of the University of Vermont, Rev. L. G. Ware, for twenty-five years pastor of the Unitarian Church of this city, Hon. E. J. Phelps, afterwards minister to England, Samuel Huntington, at the head of the book business in Burlington, and the mayor of the city, *ex-officio*. The selection of books was carefully made by the trustees and much pains was taken to make a beginning at least in every important class of books. History, Biography, and Travel were well filled at first, and the specialties of Science, Fine and Useful Arts, Mechanics, Medicine, etc., carefully selected. Fiction has always been kept small in proportion. The Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Men's Association of Burlington gave their books and book-cases to the library. These donations amounted to more than a thousand very valuable volumes. Some interested citizens also gave useful books and magazines. The old Court House was fitted up for a temporary library building, and is still in use, though becoming more inconvenient every year. The first books purchased were received May 31, 1874.

On July 6, 1875, the library was first opened to the public with T. P. W. Rogers as librarian. The circulation of books for

home use was 38,458 for the first year. It diminished rapidly until 1884, when the librarian resigned. The library was closed for three months. Miss Hagar was then appointed librarian, and entered on her duties January 19, 1885. The circulation has increased almost every year since, and has been more than 50,000 for the last year. The consultation of books in the library has increased even more rapidly, showing the use by those who come for serious study as well as others who desire only recreation and entertainment. The students of the University and the scholars of the different schools in town come to the library to pursue their various lines of study. Mechanics and artisans draw on its resources in their departments. The members of the various literary clubs are among the most constant and intelligent readers. A few German books have been added to the library for the use of the German residents. Those citizens who speak French make constant use of the collection of French books, histories, biographies, travels, as well as fiction.

The connection between the schools and the library has always been very close. Many of the teachers pursue courses of reading on some subject, aided by the library. The present system of issuing books to the schools began about fifteen years ago. Every teacher is expected to come to the library at the beginning of the school term and choose directly from the library shelves as many books as she requires. These are often retained through the term, but can be returned or exchanged, if any are found unsuitable for the purpose, or when one subject of study is finished and the books concerning it are no longer in use and others are needed. These books are carefully selected from the classes of history, biography, travel, popular science, and stories suited to the age of the scholars. About one thousand duplicate volumes are thus circulated every year, and each volume is in the hands of a number of children, the teacher keeping a careful account of them. Besides this there is scarcely a day in which scholars are not in the library, looking up some subject connected with their studies;

a fact connected with a lesson in geography, the life of a historical character, fuller information on some event, a reference to use in the study of civil government, matter for a lyceum debate, or a selection of prose or poetry for declamation.

The city has added the proceeds of the dog tax to our resources, enabling us to go on buying necessary books of Reference, and valuable books on the Fine Arts. We are consequently able to add more than 600 volumes every year. The new books are ordered every month, their coming in so frequently serves to keep up public interest in the library. The local newspapers are always ready to publish lists of new books and other items concerning the library, which would be useful to the library and of interest to their readers.

Notwithstanding a shabby building, often cold, and always ill ventilated, awkward stairs to climb for those who come to the library, insufficient shelf-room for the books and consequent confusion and trouble for the librarians, we hope the Fletcher Free Library has been a benefit to the community by proving a source of pleasure, usefulness, and improvement to the citizens of Burlington.



SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING PITTSFORD, VT.

THE MACLURE LIBRARY, PITTSFORD.

The Maclure Library of Pittsford represents a hundred years of effort for mental improvement. A beginning was made when, on May 5, 1796, the "Librarian Society of Pittsford" was organized and adopted a constitution. It started with seventy-nine members, who had subscribed \$89, and at its first annual meeting, Jan. 2, 1797, it possessed 115 volumes, a number much increased in subsequent years.

Another, and possibly a rival society, the "Pittsford Library Company," was organized April 12, 1832, with twenty-eight members. It soon owned 150 volumes, and had a more or less vigorous life for several years.

In 1839 the "Maclure Library Association" was formed, absorbing what remained of the two previous organizations. It was incorporated under the laws of the State, and has continued its corporate existence without interruption to the present time.

Hon. T. H. Palmer was largely instrumental in founding the Maclure Library. He was a native of Scotland, who, after living for several years in Philadelphia, settled in Pittsford in 1828. Greatly interested in everything relating to the intellectual advancement of the community, he desired to see a good public library started, and ventured to write to William Maclure, a retired merchant of Philadelphia then living in the City of Mexico, stating the needs of the town and soliciting his aid. Mr. Maclure responded with the offer of \$400 if the town's people would raise an equal amount. More than \$600 was promptly subscribed by the citizens, and the library was soon in operation. It was a fixed rule from the beginning that all inhabitants of the town should have equal rights to the use

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of the library on the same terms, which was a fee of fifty cents for a yearly subscription.

For a number of years after the civil war the library was little used, although the organization was kept up. But in January, 1888, the Nickwackett Book Club, composed of ladies in the village, offered a gift of about sixty volumes to the Association if the library could be reopened. The gift was accepted, new officers were chosen and measures were taken to raise funds. Senator Redfield Proctor gave \$400, and the town added \$100. For a time Hon. C. S. Colburn paid the annual fees for the school children of the town, thus awakening a more general interest in the library. These and other gifts made a steady growth possible, and more commodious accommodations soon became a necessity.

In 1895 Henry F. Walker, M. D., of New York, presented the association a beautiful and costly building, to be known as the Walker Memorial Building in memory of his brother, the late Hon. Stephen A. Walker, of New York.

It is constructed of pressed brick with terra cotta trimmings, and has a foundation of rock-faced marble. It contains a commodious reading room, the table of which is supplied with the current papers and magazines by the generosity of citizens, a town clerk's office, a delivery and stock room with shelf space for about 8,000 volumes. Since the erection of the building gifts from various persons to the amount of \$1,600 have been received, of which \$700 were immediately expended in the purchase of books and the remainder has been invested, the interest only to be used for the same purpose. Many valuable books have also been received as gifts, and there are now upon the shelves about 3,500 volumes.

For two years past the town has paid the fees of all school children, and the present year it pays the entire running expenses on condition that the library be made free to all the inhabitants of the town.

Membership in the corporation is gained by the payment of \$5.00 and a majority vote of the members present. Members have a right to vote in all business meetings of the corporation but have no special privileges in regard to the use of the books. The property of the corporation is under the control of a board of seven directors chosen at the annual meeting, who also have entire charge of the use and management of the library.



THE ATHENÆUM—ST. JOHNSBURY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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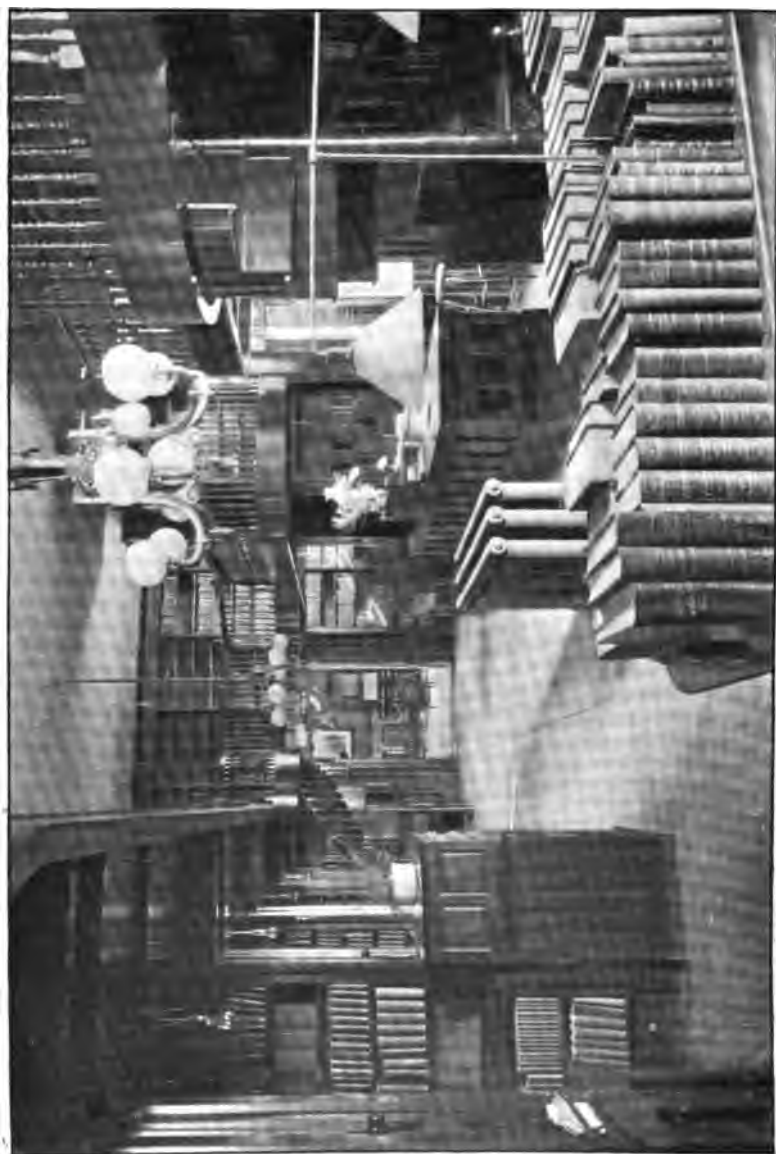
St. Johnsbury Athenæum was founded and endowed by Horace Fairbanks, and presented to the town of which he had long been a most honored citizen.

The building, about 50x90 feet, with lecture hall on second floor, and Art Gallery extension, was begun in 1868, and opened to the public Nov. 27, 1871. That evening a lecture, last of a series, descriptive of the building and its treasures, was given, after which the presentation to the town was made by the donor, modestly and in few well-chosen words—to which response on behalf of the citizens was given by Hon. L. P. Poland.

In style, finish and contents the Athenæum was designed to embody an ideal of completeness, admirably representing the culture and refined tastes of its founder. The shelves were furnished with 8,000 volumes, carefully selected, adapted to varying tastes, many of them elegantly bound.

The first librarian, Rev. Wm. W. Thayer, during his ten year administration, impressed on the institution the fine ideals of the founder; these were well maintained by Charles A. Willard and Mrs. Abbie McNeil, successively. Andrew E. Rankin, Esq., as supervisor, greatly stimulated literary research. Since 1892, the present librarian, Miss Louise L. Bartlett, has greatly widened the influence and value of the Athenæum among the people.

The first catalogue, covering 9,000 books, was issued at Riverside press in 1875; the second, 3,000 books, in 1890; since then the plan of annual bulletins has been adopted. All books of recent years are card catalogued. No age limit is required; during the month of March, 1896, the number of books drawn by children was 1,250, which was three-eighths of the entire number given out that month. Two books are taken on a card, only



ST. JOHNSBURY ATHENÆUM—BOOK ROOM.

one of which may be fiction. The circulation for the year 1895, was 27,513. The volumes catalogued July 1, 1896, number 14,381. The reading room is furnished with 45 periodicals, home and foreign. The building is open from 9 to 6 o'clock each week day, and Tuesday and Saturday evenings.

The Art Gallery department of the Athenæum contains nearly 60 works of art in painting, sculpture and bronze, mostly by representative American artists, such as Gifford, Cropsey, G. L. Brown, T. W. Wood, Dr. Haas, the Harts, and others. G. Max, Verboeckhoven, Piot, and other foreign artists are represented; also excellent copies of Van Dyck, Rembrandt, Raphael, Del Sarto, Dolce, Bonheur. The central feature is Bierstadt's "Domes of the Yo Semite." A bust of the founder by J. Q. A. Ward has recently been placed in the gallery.

The Art Library includes a wide range of standard works on architecture, sculpture and painting; also as objects of interest, such atlas folios as the Musée Royal, Musée Français, Musée des Antiques, ten vols.; Roberts' Oriental Lands, etc.; besides many photographs of notable buildings and masterpieces of sculpture and painting.

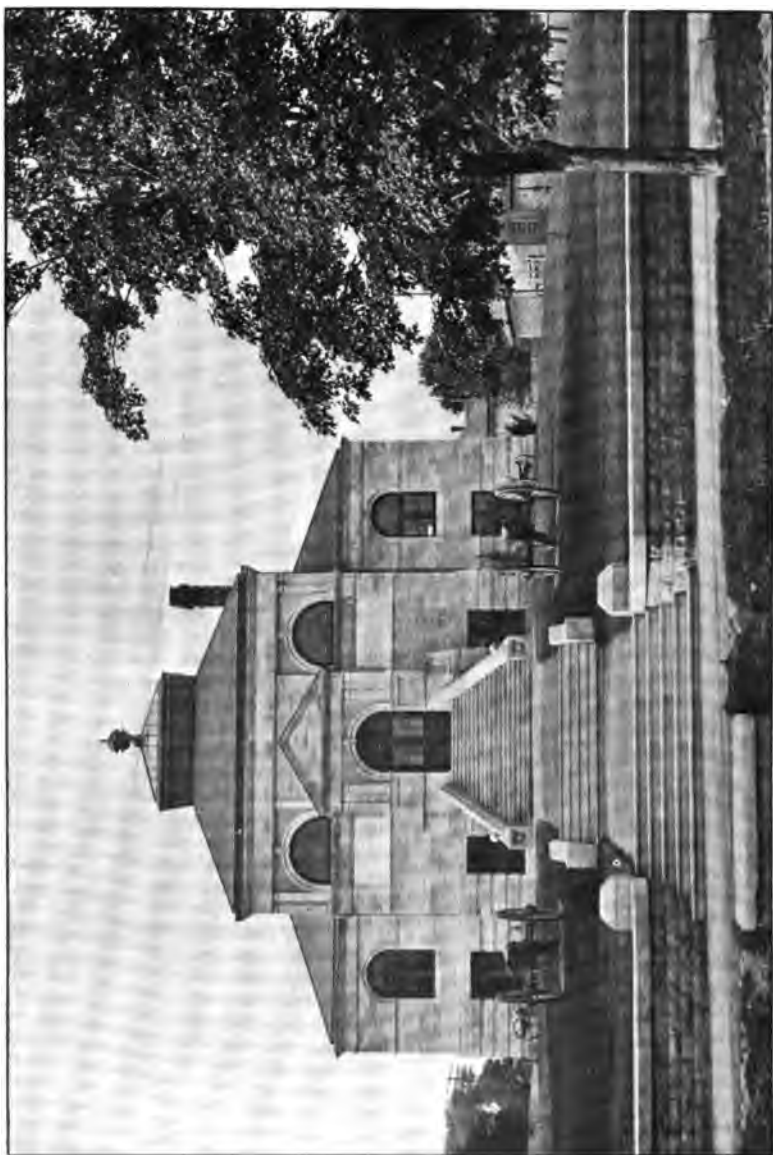
The endowment, including the Isabel Fairbanks Farwell memorial fund of \$5,000 for books, is \$52,000.



THE NORMAN WILLIAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY, WOODSTOCK, VT.

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The Norman Williams Public Library at Woodstock, Vt., was erected in 1883-84, and endowed as a perpetual memorial of his father and mother by Dr. Edward H. Williams, of Philadelphia, and named in honor of them. The principal building materials employed are native to the State of Vermont; the walls are red Burlington stone, trimmings are gray Barre granite, and gray Isle La Motte limestone. The plan of the building is simple, the general outline being T shaped, with entrance in center of the head of the letter, through an arcade which encloses a recessed porch. This porch has walls of finely cut Isle La Motte stone, marble-tiled floor, and a heavily panelled wooden ceiling. The reading room is 18x27, and 13½ feet high; reference room and librarian's office each 18x13½, and same height as reading room; book room 54½x24½, walls of this room lined to the height of 8 feet with variegated Vermont marbles polished. All the interior work is Georgia pine, finished to show its natural warm color. The windows are glazed with plate glass, with outside winter sashes. The building is heated by steam and lighted by gas, the fixtures are in old gold color, very massive, of antique form from special designs. It has been open eleven years, and there are now nearly 10,000 volumes.



MEMORIAL HALL—RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY, RUTLAND, VT.

RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY.

The Rutland Free Library was organized in 1886 by an association of sixty of the women of Rutland. with Mrs. Julia C. R. Dorr as its president. It was opened to the public in July of that year, in an up-stairs room on Merchants Row, the business street of the town, and had upon its shelves at that time 3,234 volumes. The circulation for that year was 20,283 volumes. At the March meeting. in 1887, the town adopted it by voting a tax sufficient for its support. In 1889 the library was moved into its present quarters, in Memorial hall, the use of a part of that building having been granted by a vote of the town.

If "that country is happiest which has no history," then indeed is the Rutland Free Library most fortunate, for since its inception, its progress has been constant, both as to the increase of its books and of its use by the people of the city and town. It is almost purely a working library, having a substantial list of reference books and a well selected library on general topics of interest. There are also two reading rooms supplied with 63 periodicals. At the present time it numbers 10,000 volumes and has an annual circulation of 57,000. Its affairs are still managed by an association of women, who elect each year an executive committee, the funds for its support being supplied by an annual appropriation from the city. In 1889, Miss Julia P. Humphrey, the first librarian, tendered her resignation and her place was filled by the election of Miss Mary L. Titcomb, who still holds the position.

"THE H. H. BAXTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY,"
RUTLAND.

[Erected in memory of Henry Horace Baxter, by his widow, Mary E. Baxter, and his son, Hugh Henry Baxter. Was built as a perpetual memorial to a man distinguished in benevolence—prominent in public spirit—who was, during the war, appointed adjutant-general of the State of Vermont.]

The building is of hewn stone, a rough-faced grey marble, in the Romanesque style, rising on a massive base, situated on the north and west corner of the avenue which leads to the family summer residence. It is capped with a square tower, with Roman arches, through which can be seen an extended view of the city of Rutland, encircled by the surrounding mountains.

The capacity of the library admits of about 20,000 volumes. These are compactly shelved in nine alcoves, which radiate from the octagonal sides toward an open centre, being closely packed on either side with volumes, which are classified in *Art, Autobiography, Fiction, Drama, Folk-lore, History, Literature, Theology, Science, Travel, Shakespeare*, and the *Classics*, as well as a large range of *Lexicons and Manuals of Reference*.

There are two spacious, well-lighted reading rooms, on the east and west ends, opening from a large central room, munificently furnished with carved oaken furniture; and carpeted with Persian rugs.

The woodwork is in carved quartered oak of fine workmanship; the wide open fire-place showing fine polished marbles set with Mexican onyx; every accessory corresponding in elegance and finished detail.

In both Reading Rooms are cabinets containing valuable art works, from the earliest Italian, to the latest French school, chief of which are "*The National Gallery*," "*The Turner Gallery*," "*The Rembrandt Gallery*," "*Holbein's Court of Henry the 8th*," "*Albert Durer's Grand Passion*," etc.; also Photo-

graphs, from the old Masters, inclusive of best examples of early Medieval and Modern art.

Hundreds of volumes bound in full calf, crushed morocco, parchment and bellum, resplendent in gold and tooling. Several *Aldines* and *Elzivirs*, such as are kept under glass in great libraries, are to be seen in the alcoves, generously open to the public,—of course, to be handled with respect and care. One of the earliest of the Venetian Press is "*Cicero's Epistolae ad Familiares cum Hubertine clerics Comments*", printed in 1483.

The library is especially full in "Poetry" and "English Literature." The books relating to America are chiefly biographical. In Biblical and Church Literature is Pius the 6th's Bible, bearing his coat of arms and crest, stamped in gold on vellum, The Barker Bible, the Coverly, etc.

Nearly all the editions are from London and Edinburgh, only the best specimens of American binding being represented. A liberal education in the history of engraving, costume, caricature, and printing, is within reach of the enquirer, and it is safe to say that there is no collection of equal quality or rarity to be found outside the limits of the largest cities.

The collection is the outgrowth of a long life of a fastidious scholar, to whom Mrs. Baxter and her son intrusted the work, in which seven years were fully occupied in both America and Europe in the collection of the volumes.

Prof. Walter H. Pomeroy was a classical scholar of rare taste; a bibliophile, and bibliographer, who spent the last years of his life in this labor, placing the books in the alcoves in which they now stand.

His wife, Mrs. Pomeroy, has remained as Librarian since his death, in 1891.

The Library is merely for reference, no books being taken out of it. It is open from 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. daily.

Rutland, 13th August, 1896.



THE KELLOGG-HUBBARD PUBLIC LIBRARY, MONTPELIER.

MONTPELIER PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Montpelier had a library for general use as early as 1794. It was a circulating library of about 200 volumes, located at "the Centre," and containing neither novels nor religious works. Another library, "not quite so exclusive in character," was started in "the village" in 1814, under an organization known as "The Village Library Society," which continued in existence till 1850, when the members voted to transfer their interests to the "Young Men's Library Institute"—("Association," rather)—which was organized Dec. 26, 1849, but had not a long life. According to D. P. Thompson, "a Lyceum, with another and still more choice library, had been started in 1827, and were now," (1830) "in successful operation." About 1860 "The Agricultural Library" was established, but its shelves were not well replenished, and it fell into decay and disuse. Twice, at least, reading-rooms were opened between 1860 and 1880, in which the news of the day and the popular magazines were spread before the public without charge. These were sustained for a time—(the latest for some five years)—by popular subscriptions, the proceeds of lecture courses, etc. But none of these varied efforts had a financial basis sufficiently strong to ensure permanency.

Originating from a suggestion of the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union, an attempt was made in 1882 to secure by subscription \$5,000, as a basis for a Public Library which should thus be valuable and comprehensive enough to command lasting interest and support. This attempt failed; but it was renewed in 1884 with success, and "The Montpelier Public Library Association" was organized March 16, 1885. Although this is an association of stockholders, and for a time a small fee was required, now this library, including over 5,000 volumes, and its reading-room, are entirely free to the public; and by an arrange-

ment with the Young Men's Christian Association (established in 1895), in which "The Thomas W. Wood collection in the Gallery of Fine Arts," also shares, the library is provided with quarters free of charge in the building rented by the Association.

The latest-born of Montpelier's libraries, (opened Jan. 2, 1896), is "The Kellogg-Hubbard Library," commemorating in its name Martin M. Kellogg, and Fanny M. Hubbard, his wife, late of New York. It occupies an elegant granite building, most centrally located, which was erected by John E. Hubbard (who succeeded to the estates of Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg), in accordance with the terms of settlement of the suit of the town of Montpelier against him, except that Mr. Hubbard expended upon the building about \$30,000 more than the contract of settlement required. In the edifice and its contents, the commodious grounds, and the invested funds the library has a plant of the value of \$80,000, which is managed by five "Trustees for the inhabitants of the town of Montpelier." Its books already number more than 6,200, of which there were in the first six months of its existence, more than 19,000 issues to some 1,500 borrowers. Its spacious reading-room contains about fifty magazines, and over thirty newspapers, which, together with the contents of the library proper, are all open to the public daily without charge. In both the libraries all persons are permitted free access to the books upon the shelves.

It may be proper to add to the foregoing a reference to some libraries in Montpelier which are not open to the whole community, viz: The Alumni Library of the Montpelier Seminary founded in 1883, and containing about 1,000 volumes. The library of the Washington County Grammar School, comprising some 3,800 volumes, the library of the Vermont Historical Society, about 5,000 volumes, and the Vermont State Library, about 30,000 volumes, founded in 1825.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE LIBRARY.

The library of Middlebury College, while first of all collegiate and one of the centers of the academic life, is nevertheless public in many of its features. No restrictions are placed on its use as a reference library by any who may wish to so employ it, and large numbers of its books are loaned, without charge, to residents of Middlebury and vicinity. In this regard the policy of the authorities is most liberal.

The library contains between 17,000 and 18,000 volumes, exclusive of government publications, of which it is a depository. In its older elements, dating back for more than ninety years, its make-up is similar to that of many another—it is an aggregation of bequests, of the books of local societies since dead, and of the scanty purchases of a time when finances were far from easy. Of the student societies whose books went finally to swell the collegiate collection, the chief were the Philadelphian (religious) and the Philomatherian (literary). In its later and more important growth, the accessions have been directed not only to the enlarging of general lists but to the enriching of the various departmental collections.

The efficiency of the library as a working center has steadily grown. Before the early '80's, its quarters were in that part of the chapel building now occupied by the museum. An extract from a series of rules then in force at that time will serve to illustrate the difference between then and now as regards the methods of administration. In the first place, it was not an every-day affair. "The library will be open for one hour on Saturdays at 9 A. M." But even that one hour was not a time for possible introduction to the library as such. The next rule states the restrictions: "Students are admitted to the ante-room of the library. The Librarian will, upon application, place upon the library tables any books which it may be desired to consult or inspect." In other words, the efficacy that attaches to actual

contact with a library in its habitation could only communicate itself to the student body through a hole in the wall. Things are done better now-a-days. The hour a week has expanded into thirty-nine. Each shelf is accessible to every library used. Well-equipped reading and reference rooms are connected with the library proper, and the library itself occupies four floors, each thirty feet square, in the north division of Painter Hall. As the facilities for work have increased, its use is more and more required of students by the various instructors. Constant reference is made in class-room to books by volume and page. Works helpful in the investigation of special subjects are reserved in shelves upon the first floor. As a result, a higher grade of scholarship and study has been made possible.

The catalogues in use are three : a card catalogue of authors, another of titles and subjects, and a written book catalogue (hardly necessary) of both titles and authors. A shelf catalogue will shortly be prepared. The officials are the librarian, selected from the faculty, and one assistant.

The library can show no treasures of special value or importance, though many of its volumes, through association, are worthy of passing notice. Professor William Chauncey Fowler, who from 1828 to 1838 occupied the chair of chemistry and natural history, was a son-in-law of Noah Webster and a co-laborer in the preparation of the dictionary. In consequence, the earlier editions of that work have, in their illustrative examples, a pleasant local flavor. A number of interesting volumes bear the presentation autograph of the great dictionary maker.

It is hoped that the college will be able to celebrate its centennial in 1900 by the dedication of a new library building. For this the plans have already been prepared ; if carried out they will result in a beautiful structure costing some \$50,000 and admirably adapted to making possible the most approved library methods.

C. B. WRIGHT, Librarian.

Middlebury College Library, Sept. 23, 1896.

LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT,
THE BILLINGS LIBRARY, August 18, 1896.

Principal S. W. Landon, Commissioner, &c.

DEAR SIR :—In response to your request I send a very brief statement respecting the growth and management of our library.

At this writing it contains 50,000 volumes, without counting duplicates or pamphlets. It has shelving for 100,000 volumes, but this capacity can easily be increased to 150,000 or more by using available space in the basement of the building.

Our gifts in 1893-94 amounted to 1,163 volumes and 1,290 pamphlets; in 1894-95 to 2,600 volumes and 1,604 pamphlets. In this last item is included the valuable private library of the late Professor William G. T. Shedd, LL. D. (1,878 volumes) which has added materially to our resources, especially in philosophy and theology.

The annual income from special funds is a little over \$1,000. This sum is distributed to the several departments of instruction, and expended under the supervision of a special Committee of the Faculty which meets weekly to consider all matters relating to the management of the library. A special gift of \$10,000 from Mr. Billings for the immediate purchase of books enabled us to supply our more serious wants. About 3,800 volumes have been added by use of this fund, and work in the various departments greatly facilitated by use of these latest and best authorities.

A large and carefully selected list of American and foreign Periodical literature, literary and scientific, is found on the tables in the central hall. This is provided for principally by a special library-fee of \$2.00, paid annually by each student, and supplemented by the income of a fund producing \$30.00 a year.

Students have free access to the contents of the main library, and to the shelves of the Marsh Library by special permission.

Every facility for consultation and reading is afforded throughout the building, the alcoves as well as the halls being supplied with chairs and tables. Cyclopædias, dictionaries and other works of reference are at hand everywhere, though more numerous in the central hall. The bound sets of periodicals are arranged in alphabetical order as a Reference Library, with special catalogues and indexes on the tables, giving ready access to the best and latest papers on all topics. The careful classification and cataloguing of all material, pamphlets as well as books, make the stores of the library easily accessible. An exhaustive index to the treasures of the Marsh collection is furnished in a "dictionary" Catalogue of 742 pages octavo (1892), while a Card Catalogue serves as a guide to the contents of the main book-room.

The efficiency of the Library dates from about 1835, when Professor Joseph Torrey, after prolonged study of catalogues on the part of the Faculty and consultation with experts in other colleges, purchased some 7,000 volumes in Europe at a cost of about \$8,750. This original collection has a value which can not be estimated by the number of volumes, nor does the sum expended measure to-day the money value of the books. Only one other college in the United States (Harvard) at that day possessed a library equally well suited to the needs of an institution of learning.

The library is just now making an effort to collect all printed matter which concerns the history of Vermont. Besides rare early documents and general and local histories, it possesses bound files of the *Vermont Chronicle* from April, 1826 (complete); the *Daily Free Press* from April, 1848 (complete); the *Vermont Watchman* and *Walton's Daily Journal* from 1828 to 1869, besides a few other Vermont files of value. Contributions to this department, including Vermont biography and literature, are greatly desired.

The choice collection of Works on Art is supplemented and illustrated by about 2,000 Photographs gathered by the Rev. L.

G. Ware, and also by 2,000 Casts from Antique Gems, formerly belonging to Lord Vernon. This collection was presented by Mrs. Billings, and is the largest of its class in the United States.

Of the number of volumes consulted in a term or a year, no report can be made. While books are loaned freely for private use, the habit of reading and investigating in the library itself is constantly increasing in the student body. Books are loaned also when not needed by faculty or students, for use in the High school or city, or to individuals more remote who are making special investigations. All comers are welcomed who will make proper use of the books.

The library is open eight hours daily in term time, from 8:30 A. M. to 6 P. M., with a recess from 12:30 to 2 P. M., and two hours on Sundays, from 2 to 4 P. M.; in vacations, five hours each week-day, from 9 to 12, and from 2 to 4.

Respectfully,

J. E. GOODRICH,

For the Library Committee.



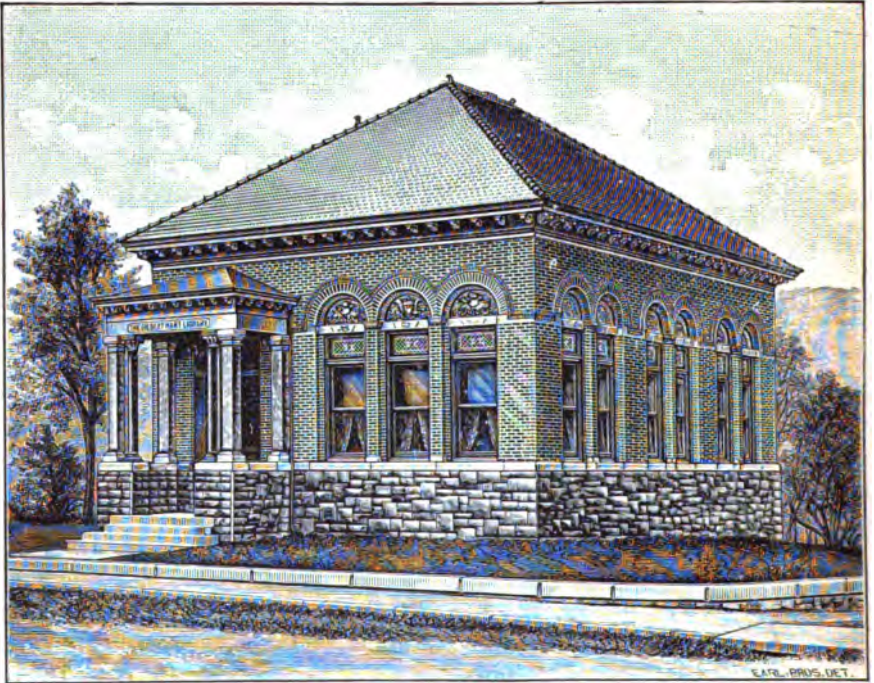
BILLINGS LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT—THE APSE.

VERMONT STATE LIBRARY.

The Vermont State Library, in Montpelier, was established November 17, 1825. Since 1857 it has been under the management of a board of trustees. It is supported by the State and is for the use of citizens of the State for consultation. Legislators and State officers may take books from the library, and they are taken from the library for use in hearings before the Supreme Court, which holds its sessions in the same building. The library occupies the annex to the State House erected in 1885-6, the building having been constructed by virtue of an appropriation of \$36,000 by the legislature of 1884. It is open daily throughout the year from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., and during session of the legislature from 8 a. m till the close of legislative committee work in the evening. The librarian is Hiram A. Huse, who receives a salary of \$350 per annum, and the first assistant librarian is Thomas L. Wood, whose salary is \$1,000 per annum. During the session of the legislature, a second assistant librarian and a messenger are in attendance, who receive a per diem pay for their service.

The trustees are three *ex-officio*, the Governor, Chief Judge of the Supreme Court, and Secretary of State; three State trustees, E. J. Phelps, William P. Dillingham and Robert Roberts; and three resident trustees, Joseph Poland, J. Edward Wright and George W. Wing. The trustees, by legislative authority, fill vacancies in the office of State and resident trustees.

The library contained on May 1, 1896, about 30,000 bound volumes, exclusive of duplicates, about 800 of which have been added in the last year. The State appropriation for the purchase of books is \$800 per year and such sum as is received from the sale of Vermont Law Reports (the printed decisions of the Supreme Court).



GILBERT HART LIBRARY, WALLINGFORD, VT.

LAWS RELATING TO THE INCORPORATION OF LIBRARIES.

Vermont Statutes.

SEC. 883. Whenever property, real or personal, has heretofore been or shall hereafter be devised or bequeathed by last will and testament, or granted, conveyed or donated by deed or other instrument, to trustees to be applied by them to the foundation and establishment in any of the cities, villages and towns of this state of a free public library, it shall be lawful, when not otherwise provided in said will or other instrument of gift, for the acting trustees in any such case, in order to promote the better establishment, maintenance and management of such library, to cause to be formed a corporation under the provisions of the three following sections, with the rights, powers and privileges hereinafter provided.

SEC. 884. Such acting trustees may make, sign and acknowledge before any officer authorized to take acknowledgements of deeds in this state, and file in the office of the secretary of state, a statement in writing, in which shall be set forth the intent of such trustees to form a corporation under this chapter; a copy of the will or other instrument by which endowment of said library has been provided; the name adopted for the proposed corporation (which shall not be the name of any other corporation already existing); the city, village or town in which the library, and the principal place of business of the corporation will be located; the number of managers who may be denominated trustees, managers or directors of the corporation; and the names of the trustees, managers or directors who are to constitute the original board of such officers, and who shall hold until their successors respectively are elected and qualified, as in this chapter provided.

SEC. 885. Upon the filing in his office of such statement as aforesaid the secretary of state shall issue to the incorporators, under his hand and the seal of state, a certificate, of which the aforesaid statement shall be a part, declaring that the

organization of the corporation is perfected. The incorporators shall thereupon cause such certificate to be recorded in a proper record book for the purpose, in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the said library is to be located ; and thereupon the corporation shall be deemed fully organized and may proceed to carry out its corporate purposes, and may receive by conveyance, from the trustees under said will, deed or other instrument of donation, the property provided by will or otherwise as aforesaid for the endowment of said library and may hold the same in whatever form it may have been received or conveyed by said trustees until such form shall be changed by the action of the said corporation.

SEC. 886. Organizations formed under the two preceding sections shall be bodies corporate and politic, to be known under the names stated in the respective certificates or articles of incorporation ; and by such corporate names they shall have and possess the ordinary rights and incidents of corporations, and shall be capable of taking, holding and disposing of real and personal estate for all purposes of their organization. The provisions of any will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is given to said library and accepted by said trustees, managers or directors shall, as to such endowment, be a part of the organic and fundamental law of such corporation.

The trustees, managers or directors of any such corporation shall compose its members, and shall not be less than five nor more than nine in number ; shall elect the officers of the corporation from their number : and shall have control and management of its affairs and property ; may accept donations, and in their discretion hold the same in the form in which they are given, for all purposes of science, literature and art germane to the object and purpose of said corporation. They may fill by election, subject to the approval of the chief justice for the time being, of the supreme court of Vermont, vacancies occurring in their own number by death, incapacity, retirement or

otherwise, and may make lawful by-laws for the management of the corporation and of the library, which by-laws shall set forth what officers there shall be of the corporation, and shall define and prescribe their respective duties. They may appoint and employ from time to time such agents and employes as they may deem necessary for the efficient administration and conduct of the library and other affairs of the corporation. Whenever any trustee, manager or director shall be elected to fill any vacancy, a certificate under the seal of the corporation, giving the name of the person elected, shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk where the articles of incorporation are recorded.

Whenever, by the provisions of such will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is created, the institution endowed is declared to be and is free and public, the library and other property of such corporation shall be forever exempt from taxation.

The trustees, managers or directors of such corporation shall, in the month of January in each year, cause to be made a report to the governor of the state, for the year ending on the 31st day of December, preceding, of the condition of the library and of the funds and other property of the corporation showing the assets and investments of such corporation in detail.

TOWN LIBRARIES.

SEC. 887. Towns may establish and maintain public libraries therein, with or without branches. for the use of the inhabitants thereof.

SEC. 888. Towns, cities and corporated villages may appropriate for suitable building or rooms, and for the foundation of such library, a sum not exceeding three dollars for each of the ratable polls in such town, city, or incorporated village in

the preceding year ; and may also appropriate annually for the maintenance, care, and increase thereof, such sum of money as said town, city, or incorporated village may vote at its annual meeting ; and may receive, hold and manage any devise, bequest or gift for a public library.

SEC. 889. A town which has established, or shall hereafter establish a public library, may elect at its annual meeting a board of five trustees, who shall have full power to manage such public library, and to receive, control, and manage any property which shall come into the hands of said town by gift, purchase, or bequest, for the use and benefit of such library.

SEC. 890. At the meeting when these trustees are first chosen, they shall be elected for the following terms : One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, or until their respective successors are chosen. Their successors shall be elected for the term of five years, but a person chosen to fill a vacancy caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall serve only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SEC. 891. The trustees shall make a report to the annual town meeting of the condition of the library and of the management and expenditures of such moneys as have come into their hands.

SEC. 892. Moneys raised for a library shall be paid out by an agent to be appointed by the selectmen, except in towns electing library trustees.

SEC. 893. Any two library associations in the same town, formed under the general law or a special act, may, by a majority vote of the stock of each of said association at meetings thereof warned for that purpose, unite with each other and assume the corporate name of either of said associations.

LIBRARIES ENTITLED TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.

SEC. 894. When a town has established a public library, said town may at any annual meeting vote to place in such library a copy of such documents and volumes heretofore received by said town for it or its town clerk's office, as it shall designate, and also a copy of such documents and volumes hereafter to be received from the state, except the Vermont reports and other books and documents provided by law to be kept in the town clerk's office, as it shall designate; the ownership of such books to continue in the town but their use to be enjoyed by the library till said town shall otherwise vote.

SEC. 895. The state librarian is directed to deliver to any town public library that shall have been voted by its town the use of books owned as above by the town, such duplicate documents and volumes published or provided by the state, as can in the judgment of the trustees of the state library be delivered without prejudice to the state library. Said books to be delivered on application stating what books have already been received from the town, and the property in said books to remain in the state but their use to be in the public library to which they shall be delivered until the state librarian shall be directed by law to demand their return to the state library.

SEC. 896. When a public library exists in a town and is not established by it, said town may at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote make the provisions named in the second preceding section in respect to use by the library of books therein named owned by the town; and in case of such vote the provisions of the preceding section shall apply to such library the same as if it were established and maintained by the town.

SEC. 897. The clerk of each town, village and city in this state shall each year supply any library in the town or city in

which he lives with two copies of the annual reports (if printed) of his town, village or city ; and shall also send to the state library for its use two copies of the same. Said copies shall be so delivered by the clerk within two weeks after receipt of such printed reports by him. And officers making such printed reports are hereby directed to supply the town, village or city clerk with the four copies necessary for him to comply with the provisions of this section.

SEC. 3138. Villages shall have the same power as towns, to establish and maintain public libraries for the use of the inhabitants therein.

SEC. 5301. Jailers shall receive books given by christian churches and benevolent individuals in their respective counties, for a library for persons confined in jail. The jailers shall enter the names of the donors in a book of record, with the titles of the books, which shall be opened to the inspection of all persons. The jailer shall be librarian and shall keep safely the books in the library and distribute them to persons confined in jail, and exchange the same from time to time. But he shall not deliver books to a person who in his opinion will destroy or misuse them.



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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

The Board of Library Commissioners herewith submits its second biennial report. The laws of the State relative to public libraries, taken from "Vermont Statutes, 1894," are as follows:

Chapter 48.

ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION 875. The governor shall appoint five persons, resident of the state, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof. One member of said board shall be appointed for the term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and thereafter the term of office of the commissioners shall be five years. All vacancies on said board, whether occurring by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled by the governor.

SEC. 876. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection of books, the cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library; and the board shall give such advice in regard to said matters as it shall find practicable. The board shall make a report of its doings biennially to the general assembly.

SEC. 877. Said board shall expend, upon the application of the board of library trustees of any town having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for any such town entitled to the benefits of this section; such books shall be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and said commissioners shall select and purchase all books so provided.

SEC. 878. Any town which has voted to instruct its library trustees to make an application to the state board of library commissioners under the preceding section shall annually appropriate for the maintenance of its free public library a sum not less than fifty dollars, if its grand list is ten thousand dollars or upward, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars, if its grand list is less than ten thousand dollars and not less than twenty-five hundred dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars, if its grand list is less than twenty-five hundred dollars.

SEC. 879. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of the two preceding sections until such town has elected a board of library trustees and voted to instruct such board to make an application to the state board of library commissioners, and until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the state board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this chapter. The provisions of sections eight hundred and eighty-nine, eight hundred and ninety and eight hundred and ninety-one, [§§ 889, 890 and 891] shall apply to the election of boards of library trustees under this section and to said trustees when so elected.

SEC. 880. Whenever any town shall have accepted the conditions prescribed by the preceding sections of this chapter the state board of library commissioners shall so certify to the state auditor and he shall draw an order upon the treasurer payable to said commissioners for one hundred dollars to be expended in the purchase of books as provided in this chapter.

SEC. 881. No member of the state board of library commissioners shall receive any compensation, but the board may expend a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars annually for necessary expenses in the discharge of its duties, including all expenses for the transportation of books; and all sums lawfully expended by said board under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid from the state treasury.

SEC. 882. The state board of library commissioners shall have the power to make such rules for their own government, and for the care of the libraries which may be furnished by the State, as they may deem expedient, and not inconsistent with the laws of this State.

INCORPORATION OF LIBRARIES.

SEC. 883. Whenever property, real or personal, has heretofore been or shall hereafter be devised or bequeathed by last will and testament, or granted, conveyed or donated by deed or other instrument, to trustees to be applied by them to the foundation and establishment in any of the cities, villages and towns of this state of a free public library, it shall be lawful, when not otherwise provided in said will or other instrument of gift, for the acting trustees in any such case, in order to promote the better establishment, maintenance and management of such library, to cause to be formed a corporation under the provisions of the three following sections, with the rights, powers and privileges hereinafter provided.

SEC. 884. Such acting trustees may make, sign and acknowledge before any officer authorized to take acknowledgements of deeds in this state, and file in the office of the secretary of state, a statement in writing, in which shall be set forth the intent of such trustees to form a corporation under this chapter; a copy of the will or other instrument by which endowment of said library has been provided; the name adopted for the proposed corporation (which shall not be the name of any other corporation already existing); the city, village or town in which the library, and the principal place of business of the corporation will be located; the number of managers who may be denominated trustees, managers or directors of the corporation; and the names of the trustees, managers or directors who are to constitute the original board of such officers, and who shall hold until their successors respectively are elected and qualified, as in this chapter provided.

SEC. 885. Upon the filing in his office of such statement as aforesaid the secretary of state shall issue to the incorporators, under his hand and the seal of state, a certificate, of which the aforesaid statement shall be a part, declaring that the organization of the corporation is perfected. The incorporators shall thereupon cause such certificate to be recorded in a proper record book for the purpose, in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the said library is to be located; and thereupon the corporation shall be deemed fully organized and may proceed to carry out its corporate purposes, and may receive by conveyance, from the trustees under said will, deed or other instrument of donation, the property

provided by will or otherwise as aforesaid for the endowment of said library and may hold the same in whatever form it may have been received or conveyed by said trustees until such form shall be changed by the action of the said corporation.

SEC. 886. Organizations formed under the two preceding sections shall be bodies corporate and politic, to be known under the names stated in the respective certificates or articles of incorporation; and by such corporate names they shall have and possess the ordinary rights and incidents of corporations, and shall be capable of taking, holding and disposing of real and personal estate for all purposes of their organization. The provisions of any will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is given to said library and accepted by said trustees, managers or directors shall, as to such endowment, be a part of the organic and fundamental law of such corporation.

The trustees, managers or directors of any such corporation shall compose its members, and shall not be less than five nor more than nine in number; shall elect the officers of the corporation from their number; and shall have control and management of its affairs and property; may accept donations, and in their discretion hold the same in the form in which they are given, for all purposes of science, literature and art germane to the object and purpose of said corporation. They may fill by election, subject to the approval of the chief justice for the time being, of the supreme court of Vermont, vacancies occurring in their own number by death, incapacity, retirement or otherwise, and may make lawful by-laws for the management of the corporation and of the library, which by-laws shall set forth what officers there shall be of the corporation, and shall define and prescribe their respective duties. They may appoint and employ from time to time such agents and employes as they may deem necessary for the efficient administration and conduct of the library and other affairs of the corporation. Whenever any trustee, manager or director shall be elected to fill any vacancy, a certificate under the seal of the corporation, giving the name of the person elected, shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk where the articles of incorporation are recorded.

Whenever, by the provisions of such will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is created, the institution endowed is

declared to be and is free and public, the library and other property of such corporation shall be forever exempt from taxation.

The trustees, managers or directors of such corporation shall, in the month of January in each year, cause to be made a report to the governor of the state, for the year ending on the 31st day of December, preceding, of the condition of the library and of the funds and other property of the corporation showing the assets and investments of such corporation in detail.

TOWN LIBRARIES.

SEC. 887. Towns may establish and maintain public libraries therein, with or without branches, for the use of the inhabitants thereof.

SEC. 888. Towns, cities and incorporated villages may appropriate for suitable buildings or rooms, and for the foundation of such library, a sum not exceeding three dollars for each of the ratable polls in such town, city, or incorporated village in the preceding year; and may also appropriate annually for the maintenance, care and increase thereof, such sum of money as said town, city, or incorporated village may vote at its annual meeting; and may receive, hold and manage any devise, bequest or gift for a public library.

SEC. 889. A town which has established, or shall hereafter establish a public library, may elect at its annual meeting a board of five trustees, who shall have full power to manage such public library, and to receive, control and manage any property which shall come into the hands of said town by gift, purchase, or bequest, for the use and benefit of such library.

SEC. 890. At the meeting when these trustees are first chosen, they shall be elected for the following terms: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, or until their respective successors are chosen. Their successors shall be elected for the term of five years, but a person chosen to fill a vacancy caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall serve only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SEC. 891. The trustees shall make a report to the annual town meeting of the condition of the library and of the manage-

ment and expenditures of such moneys as have come into their hands.

SEC. 892. Moneys raised for a library shall be paid out by an agent to be appointed by the selectmen, except in towns electing library trustees.

SEC. 893. Any two library associations in the same town, formed under the general law or by a special act, may, by a majority vote of the stock of each of said associations at meetings thereof warned for that purpose, unite with each other and assume the corporate name of either of said associations.

LIBRARIES ENTITLED TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.

SEC. 894. When a town has established a public library, said town may at any annual meeting vote to place in such library a copy of such documents and volumes heretofore received by said town for it or its town clerk's office, as it shall designate, and also a copy of such documents and volumes hereafter to be received from the state, except the Vermont reports and other books and documents provided by law to be kept in the town clerk's office, as it shall designate; the ownership of such books to continue in the town but their use to be enjoyed by the library till said town shall otherwise vote.

SEC. 895. The state librarian is directed to deliver to any town public library that shall have been voted by its town the use of books owned as above by the town, such duplicate documents and volumes published or provided by the state, as can in the judgment of the trustees of the state library be delivered without prejudice to the state library. Said books to be delivered on application stating what books have already been received from the town, and the property in said books to remain in the state but their use to be in the public library to which they shall be delivered until the state librarian shall be directed by law to demand their return to the state library.

SEC. 896. When a public library exists in a town and is not established by it, said town may at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote make the provisions named in the second preceding section in respect to use by the library of books therein named

owned by the town; and in case of such vote the provisions of the preceding section shall apply to such library the same as if it were established and maintained by the town.

SEC. 897. The clerk of each town, village and city in this state shall each year supply any library in the town or city in which he lives with two copies of the annual reports (if printed) of his town, village or city; and shall also send to the state library for its use two copies of the same. Said copies shall be so delivered by the clerk within two weeks after receipt of such printed reports by him. And officers making such printed reports are hereby directed to supply the town, village or city clerk with the four copies necessary for him to comply with the provisions of this section.

Chapter 142.

CITIES AND VILLAGES.

SEC. 3138. Villages shall have the same power as towns, to establish and maintain public libraries for the use of the inhabitants therein.

Chapter 228.

COUNTY JAILS.

SEC. 5301. Jailers shall receive books given by christian churches and benevolent individuals in their respective counties, for a library for persons confined in jail. The jailers shall enter the names of the donors in a book of record, with the titles of the books, which shall be opened to the inspection of all persons. The jailer shall be librarian and shall keep safely the books in the library and distribute them to persons confined in jail, and exchange the same from time to time. But he shall not deliver books to a person who in his opinion will destroy or misuse them.

THE COMMISSION.

The original organization of the Commission remains unchanged. Miss Mary L. Titcomb, whose term expired November 30, 1896, and Mr. Fred A. Howland, whose term expired November 30, 1897, were reappointed by the Governor for the full term of five years. Meetings have been held during the two years at such times and places as the interests of the work demanded, and a great deal of official business has been transacted by correspondence.

LIBRARIES ESTABLISHED IN 1897-98.

The following towns have since the publication of the last report conformed to the requirements of the law, and have received the books from the State:

Benson, Castleton, Fairlee, Highgate, Milton, Reading, Shoreham, Victory, Washington, Weston, Wheelock.

Three other towns voted to accept the provisions of the law but through some error in the proceedings failed to fully meet the requirements and are compelled to wait further action at the next town meeting.

GENERAL RESULTS.

A review of the work of the Commission during the four years it has been established, and a careful comparison of the condition of the library affairs in Vermont today with that in 1894, would seem to show that a considerable advance has been made in many important lines. Naturally the number of towns accepting the provisions of the law was larger during the first year after its passage than during any subsequent year, as all those in which the most favorable conditions existed promptly took action in the matter. There are still many towns in the State in which there is no public library, many if not all of which are able to sustain one. What is often lacking is a favorable public sentiment or in some cases a due appreciation of the value of a public library. It is here that the influence of the work already accomplished under the library law is strongly felt. The seventy free libraries established during the last four years are not only potent for good in the towns in which they are located but the knowledge of their benefits is creating in many of the towns without libraries an enthusiasm and interest which will soon bear good fruit.

While it is true that now and then one of the public libraries aided by the State has suffered from a lack of proper support, still the different towns have on the whole been as liberal perhaps as the circumstances would warrant. In some instances towns have raised by taxation more than the law requires. In many communities very liberal sums have been raised by entertainments and other means with which valuable additions have been made to the lists of books already in use. These additions, so far as can be learned, have been chosen with judicious care and a wise regard for the peculiar needs of the patrons of the library. Occasionally through the generosity of some public benefactor a suitable library building is erected, a blessing to the present and future generations, and a lasting monument to the giver. Some of the towns are just now enjoying in anticipation such a blessing. Meanwhile they are demonstrating that the benefits of a library can be administered successfully through the medium of the country store, the post office, the town hall, or some private house. Everywhere the public library has proved itself a powerful adjunct of the school.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

It has been difficult to obtain accurate information in regard to the libraries belonging to the schools of the State, but the most reliable returns available would seem to indicate that they contain about twenty thousand volumes. One endowed academy has about four thousand volumes and one public school, three thousand. There has been an increased interest in this phase of the subject during the last few years, and some generous gifts have been made to school libraries.

DOCUMENTS ISSUED.

The following documents have been issued :

In February, 1898, in place of the circular similar to No. 1, sent to towns in previous years near the time of their March meetings, copies of the Public Library number of the *Vermont* were circulated.

"Suggestions to the Librarian of the Small Library" is sent with the assignment of books to each town. In case this document fails to reach the librarian, or more copies are desired, they may be had by applying to Miss Mary L. Titcomb, Rutland.

Requests for copies of "Books Recommended to Vermont Libraries" will be gladly received by members of the Commission.

No. 1.

STATE OF VERMONT.

STATE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Feb. 1, 1897.

At the session of 1894 the General Assembly passed "An Act to promote the Establishment of Free Public Libraries," which is printed in full on another page. To assist in carrying out its provisions the undersigned Commissioners were appointed by the Governor.

During the two years since the law was enacted, sixty towns, representing every county in the State, have taken favorable action upon this matter, made the required appropriation and have received through the commissioners the books provided by the State.

The lists of books furnished the different towns were not duplicates but each list was made up by the Commissioners, with careful reference to the situation and needs of that individual town, the books already available for its use and the expressed wishes of its trustees. For this reason the number of books was not the same for all of the towns, but varied from 90 to 143.

In these towns, with the State appropriation as a nucleus, very creditable libraries have been established and are in successful operation, and the earnestness and enthusiasm in the matter everywhere manifested give great promise of their future usefulness. Many of these town libraries have been increased by gifts of books from individuals and organizations of various kinds, and in some instances liberal endowments in money have been made by persons of wealth, who saw in the public library a most useful and far reaching channel for their benevolence.

The operation of the law during the first two years of its

existence, so far as can be now judged, has been eminently successful, by setting in motion influences most potent for the social, intellectual and moral advancement of the people.

This circular is intended to direct the attention of citizens to the act referred to, that those interested in such matters may be prepared to take advantage of its provisions whenever the general interest in the establishment of a free public library in any town seems to warrant such action.

It should be understood that the amount appropriated by the State is intended to serve only as a stimulus to the formation of free public libraries, and will in itself accomplish very little if not supplemented by contributions from other sources, and the zealous interest and attention of those who, like Ben Franklin, "propose to render the benefit from books more common." The Commissioners therefore appeal to you to bring the matter of the establishment of a free public library in your town before the citizens by informal or public meetings, and to stimulate them to secure funds for the purpose by entertainments and social gatherings, or by soliciting subscriptions of money and donations of books from persons who are interested in the intellectual welfare or material prosperity of the town.

To take advantage of the act the following articles should be inserted in the warning for the coming town meeting:

1. To see if the town will elect a board of library trustees and instruct such board to make an application to the State Board of Library Commissioners under Act No. 37, Acts of 1894.

2. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the maintenance of a free public library.

In Sec. 4 of the act printed below it will be noticed that reference is made to No. 3, Acts of 1892. The reference should doubtless be No. 53, Acts of 1892; and the Commissioners suggest that the board of library trustees be elected in accordance with the provisions of No. 53, and be, as therein set forth, five in number and elected when first chosen, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years.

The Board invite correspondence, and are desirous of rendering any assistance possible toward the formation and effective management of free public libraries.

When trustees have been elected by any town they will receive,

on communication with the secretary of the Board, blanks and instructions enabling them to secure the benefits of the act.

S. W. LANDON, *Chairman*, Burlington,
H. E. RUSTEDT, Richford,
FRED A. HOWLAND, Montpelier,
Miss MARY L. TITCOMB, *Secretary*, Rutland,
Miss LOUISE L. BARTLETT, St. Johnsbury,
State Board of Library Commissioners.

[Followed by text of "An Act to promote the establishment of free public libraries."]

No. 2.

To be attached to the
Application of the Trustees.

STATE OF VERMONT.

CERTIFICATE OF TOWN CLERK.

.....Vt.,.....189

To the Board of Library Commissioners :

I,.....Town Clerk of, Vermont,
hereby certify that at the annual town meeting of said town held
on the first Tuesday of March, 189 , the following named persons
were elected a board of library trustees for the terms specified :

(Name.)

(Term for which elected.)

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That at said March meeting the town voted to instruct such
board to make application to the State Board of Library Commis-
sioners under Act No. 37 of the Acts of 1894:

That at said meeting the town further voted an appropriation for the maintenance of its free public library in the sum of dollars; and that the grand list of said town when said vote was taken was

I further certify that the town of has no free public library owned or controlled thereby, and that the action hereinbefore set forth was taken pursuant to the following articles inserted in the warning for said town meeting:

Town Clerk of, Vermont.

No. 3.

(Attach to this the certificate of the Town Clerk.)

STATE OF VERMONT.

APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

....., Vt., 189

To the Board of Library Commissioners :

The Library Trustees of the town of, Vermont, elected as specified in the attached certificate of the Town Clerk, hereby make application, under the provisions of Act 37 of the Acts of 1894, for the appropriation of \$100 therein made by the State.

Chairman Board of Trustees.

No. 4.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

To the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees :

....., Vermont.

DEAR SIR:

Section 4 of No. 37 of the Acts of 1894, entitled, "An act to

promote the establishment of free public libraries," reads in part as follows:

"No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has elected a board of library trustees and *until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the State Board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act.*"

In view of the obligation thus resting upon the State Board of Library Commissioners, you are requested to make answer to the following questions:

1. What provision has been made for a library room and where is it located?

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2. Who is to be the librarian, if determined, and what, if any, compensation is to be paid?

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3. What days and hours is the library to be kept open for the loan and return of books?

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4. Are any books already available or soon to be turned over to the town as a part of the free public library? If so, please furnish the secretary of the State Board with a complete list of such books, that they may not be duplicated.

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5. Is there any library already established in the town? If so, please state the approximate number of books in it, its condition, and in a general way the terms upon which books are loaned.

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6. By what name is your library to be known?

It is suggested that you keep a book, containing a record of all books furnished by the State, and enter in this book a record of each volume added to the library from whatever source.

While it is the duty of the State Board to eventually decide upon the books to be furnished each town, they would nevertheless be pleased to receive voluntary suggestions from the trustees in each town as to the character of books preferred, or even to receive lists of books considered desirable if any trustees wish to submit them. Since, however, the responsibility for the selection to be made rests upon the State Board alone they cannot promise to follow suggestions made by trustees further than their judgment approves.

The secretary of the State Board is prepared to furnish library cards and book slips suited to your library at the cost of procuring them.

Respectfully,

MARY L. TITCOMB, *Secretary*,

....., 189

Rutland, Vt.

No. 5.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

Suggestions to the Librarian of the Small Library:

The methods which are found useful, and even necessary, in libraries of several thousand, or even one thousand volumes, will generally prove too complicated for the library starting with a smaller number.

Common sense, and a conscientious desire to promote the usefulness of the library, will, in most cases, guide the librarian into formulating the rules best for each individual community.

It should be remembered in this connection that after all, the personal equation is the largest factor in the success of any library. Enthusiasm in the work and a belief in it as a powerful aid to the advancement of the town; in brief, the true librarian's spirit, which must before all things be the missionary spirit, will do more to make the library a power for good than any code of rules.

SUPPLIES.—Broadly speaking there are only three things absolutely necessary for the smallest library, viz.: an accession-book, a register and a borrower's card. If you can afford it, add book-plates, a dating stamp and book labels. The State Library Commission is prepared to furnish the borrower's card, register and dating stamp at the cost of preparation, or they may be procured from the Library Bureau, 530 Atlantic Avenue, Boston. An accession-book and shelf-list will be furnished with the books sent by the State.

ORDERING AND ENTERING BOOKS.—And first, it is better to buy a few books at a time than to wait until a large order can be sent in. A small number of new books put in circulation three or four times a year will hold the interest of the people better than a larger number shelved once a year. If not near a large town, it is best to order from some large firm in Boston or New York, who will give you from 30 to 33 per cent. discount. W. B. Clarke & Co. and Charles E. Lauriat Co., of Boston, are reliable firms. If, however, you are near some large local dealer, like H. J. Shanley & Co., Burlington, advantageous terms may be made with him and the cost of transportation lessened. The first step when the books arrive, is to go through the box and compare the bill with the books, checking on the bill every item that is correct. It is also well to examine each book carefully to find if it is a perfect copy.

If you have a book-plate it should be pasted inside the first cover. Ordinary flour paste with a little alum and a few drops of oil of cloves is good, and will keep for several weeks if tightly sealed. The following is a simple form of book-plate:

THE.....PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ACCESSION No.....CLASS.....

Next comes the entry of books in the accession-book thus:

| Accession No. | Class. | Vol. | Author. | Title. | Place and Publisher. |
|---------------|--------|------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 21 | F | 1 | Harrison, C.C. | A bachelor maid. | N. Y. Century. |

| Date. | Pages. | Size. | Binding. | Source. | Cost. | Remarks. |
|-------|--------|-------|----------|--------------------|-------|---|
| 1894 | 225. | D | Cloth. | W. B. Clarke & Co. | .87 | Lost by J. Brown, paid for March 10, '95. |

It will be seen that if this is accurately kept it constitutes a

complete list of books in the library. If a book is lost or worn out an exact copy may be replaced by reference to it before ordering. In case of fire the accession-book will give the exact value of every volume lost.

CLASSIFICATION.—It is well to adopt some simple form of classification. There are various systems, all good, but a library of over five hundred volumes cannot go wrong by adopting the Dewey system, which is largely used. For the smaller library the following is a simple method. This and the charging system are recommended by Miss Hewins of the Connecticut Public Library Committee.

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| A. Arts and Amusements. | R. Reference. |
| B. Biography. | S. Science. |
| C. Children's Books. | T. Theology—Education and So- |
| F. Fiction. | ciology. |
| H. History. | V. Voyages and Travels. |
| L. Literature—Essays, Poetry, Drama and Magazines. | |

The class letter, besides being written on the book-plate, should be placed on a label (Dennison's No. 209 is a good size) and pasted on the back of the book. Books should be charged under the accession number, but should be kept on the shelf under the author's name. That is, keep all books by one author together. When you get a new one, make room for it. The following is an example of shelf arrangement:

- BARR.—Between two loves.
 A border shepherdess.
 Paul and Christina.
- BARRIE.—The little minister.
 A window in Thrums.
- BLACK.—A daughter of Heth.
- CRAWFORD.—The Ralstons.
 A Roman singer.

Arrange the biography alphabetically by subjects.

REGISTERING NAMES.—The register consists of a blank book. At the top of each page is written or printed, "I promise to obey the rules of the ——— library," and each line drawn down the page is numbered. Have the applicant for the book sign his name and address under the pledge. The number at the left of the line will then be used as his card number. Do not require any age limit for

your readers. After registering, provide each reader with a card similar to this:

THE.....PUBLIC LIBRARY.

NAME..... No.....

| LOANED. | BOOK. | RETURNED. | LOANED. | BOOK. | RETURNED. |
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On the reverse side rules similar to the following should be printed. At the top of the card.

The Library is open.....from.....to.....

1. This card gives the owner a right to take out one book. It must always be presented when a book is borrowed, returned or renewed.

2. If this card is lost, two cents must be paid for a new one.

3. If the place of residence of the owner is changed notice must be sent to the Library. This card must be returned if the owner moves out of town.

4. Books can be kept fourteen days, unless otherwise specified, and may be renewed once if not in demand.

5. A fine of one cent a day and cost of recovery must be paid for books kept over time.

6. The owner of a card is responsible for all books and fines charged against him. All books lost or injured must be paid for.

7. Any person intentionally breaking the rules of the Library may be deprived of its use at the discretion of the Trustees.

8. A person who wilfully and maliciously writes upon or injures a book, plate, picture, engraving or statue belonging to a law, town or public library, shall be fined not less than five dollars and not more than one thousand dollars.—*Extract from Revised Laws of Vt., Chap. 165, Sec. 4216.*

CHARGING BOOKS.—There are various charging systems, but a simple way is for the librarian to cut out from manila paper a number of slips of convenient size, say six inches high and eight wide. These slips should be ruled on both sides, across the page in blue and down in red, the red lines being half an inch apart. Leave a half-inch space at the top of the page, and write the

reader's name and card number on the first line. When a book is drawn stamp the date upon the slip, then write either the accession number or the title of the book. Below is a specimen of three lines of the slip:

| <i>RICE, WILLIAM A.</i> | | | | <i>53.</i> | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|------|--|------------|--|--|--|
| J 4 | 508 | J 18 | | | | | |
| J 18 | 217 | J 26 | | | | | |
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The borrower's card should then be stamped with the date in the space marked "Loaned," and the accession number placed in the space marked "Book."

When the day's work is done, sort the slips, arranging them in order of the borrower's names and put them together in a box of suitable size, headed by a slip marked with the date. Upon the return of the book, look at the borrower's card, note there the date when loaned and the borrower's name. Then from your slips remove the one with the corresponding name and stamp the date of return upon it and also on the borrower's card. If you do not use a stamp the date may be written.

SHELF LIST.—For the purposes of a small catalogue and for the sake of making the work a little more systematic, it is advisable to keep a shelf list. Write it on one side, either of half sheets of common writing paper, or on pages ruled for the purpose, and keep them carefully arranged in large manila envelopes. The form of entry is like this:

| Accession No. | Class F. | |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 50 | Harrison, C. C. | The Anglomaniacs. |
| 225 | | A bachelor maid. |
| 65 | | Bar Harbor days. |
| 82 | Hawthorne, N. | The Blithedale romance. |

Leave spaces between the entries for books to be added in the future. Once a year check all the books on the shelf by this list. Then look over your charging list and find whether any books are missing.

SIMPLER METHODS FOR SMALLEST LIBRARIES.

Libraries in the smaller towns wishing to start without at first undertaking any system of classification may prefer to adopt even more simple methods than above stated.

In such cases their special needs may be confined to three well-bound blank books. The first one is to be used as a register, the second as an accession book and the third a record book for recording the loan and return of books.

On each line of the record book the following four entries should be made when a book is loaned:

| Date of Loaning. | Borrower's Name. | Name, or Accession Number of Book. | Date of Returning |
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If there are exactly twenty-five lines on each page of the book, the circulation of the library for any given time may easily be ascertained.

The register and accession book have been fully described in preceding paragraphs. Under these circumstances, the accession book besides its original purpose, serves as a catalogue to the library and a shelf list, as the books are placed on the shelves according to their accession numbers.

The accession number should be written plainly in ink on a label on the back of each book, and also on the back side of the title page. This guards against the loss of the number in case the label is injured or the book rebound.

Do all in your power to make the library useful. Form the habit of noting the taste of each reader and see that he is supplied with everything the library contains on his specialty. Do not make the mistake of thinking that children are of no consequence. If there is any preference let it be shown to them. Begin when your library opens and collect all printed matter of local interest, no matter how unimportant it seems at the time. Everything of the kind helps to make the history of your place. On the

other hand do not be afraid to refuse worthless, though well-intentioned gifts. If you have not much space, it is better to have nothing on your shelves that is not of actual use. Do not, however, class under this head files of magazines, bound or unbound. You will find them one of the best tools for a working library, especially when you can afford a copy of Poole's Index and Supplements, which will unlock their treasures to you. The foregoing suggestions are intended only for the smallest libraries. If your library is so fortunate to grow to such dimensions that a more complex administration is necessary, if possible, go to some library training class, like Mr. W. I. Fletcher's July Summer School, at Amherst, Mass., or the summer session of the Library School at Albany, N. Y., but if this is not possible, read carefully Miss M. W. Plummer's "Hints to Small Libraries," to be obtained of any bookseller at a cost of twenty-five cents.

Study well-made catalogues until you get an insight into cataloguing. Get also, through the U. S. Bureau of Education, the "A. L. A." Catalogue, and Cutter's Rules for a Dictionary Catalogue, both government publications, which will help you greatly. Do not, however, make the too common mistake of small libraries, and spend money that could be used to better advantage, on a printed catalogue. If your library grows, in a few years you will find this quite useless. Use the columns of the local paper, if there is one, if not, written lists, on various topics, posted in the library are a help. On the other hand, the card catalogue cannot be commenced too soon. Take and read diligently the Library Journal, and lose no opportunity of visiting larger libraries or of putting yourself in communication with other librarians, whom you will find universally willing to give you the benefit of their experience. The State Library Commission also hold themselves ready to answer any questions, or give any aid and instruction in their power.

You will also find it greatly to your advantage to join the American Library Association. An explanation of the aim and scope of this organization may be had upon application to

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LIST OF AIDS FOR LIBRARY WORK.

| | Price. |
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| Library journal, (monthly) 59 Duane St., New York, - | \$5.00 |
| Public libraries, (monthly) Library Bureau, 215 Madison St., Chicago, Ill., - - - - | 1.00 |
| Hints to small libraries. M. W. Plummer. Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, - - - - | .25 |
| Public library handbook. J. C. Dana. Carson Harper, Denver, - - - - | 1.00 |
| Public libraries in America. W. I. Fletcher. Roberts, Boston, - - - - | 1.00 |
| A. L. A. Subject headings for use in dictionary catalogues. Library Bureau, 530 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, - - - - | 2.00 |
| Library Bureau, Catalog, Library Bureau, Boston, - | Free |
| American Library Association, Catalogue of A. L. A. Library; 5000 vols. for a popular library, shown at the World's Columbian Exposition. U. S. Bureau of Education, Washington, - - | Free |
| List of books for girls and women and their clubs, (in six parts.) Library Bureau, Boston; pap. - | .50 |
| Annual literary index, including American and English essays, book chapters, special bibliographies, and necrology of authors. Edited by W. I. Fletcher and R. R. Bowker, 59 Duane St., New York, - | 3.50 |

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LIST OF RECENT BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO VERMONT LIBRARIES BY THE VERMONT FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

The prices given below are the publishers' list prices. A discount of one-third should be obtained by libraries.

ARTS AND AMUSEMENTS.

- ADAMS, W. I. L. Sunlight and shadow, a book for photographers, professional and amateur. Baker, \$2.50.
- COCHRANE, C. H. Wonders of modern mechanism. Lippincott, \$2.
- HAMLIN, A. D. F. History of architecture. Longmans, \$2.

- HOUSTON, E. J. and KENNELLY, A. E. Electric heating. Johnston, \$1.
 Electric incandescent lighting. Johnston, \$1.
 Electric motor. Johnston, \$1.
 Electric telegraphy. Johnston, \$1.
 Electric telephone. Johnston, \$1.
- KREHBIEL, H. E. How to listen to music. Scribner, \$1.25.
- MARQUAND, ALLAN. History of sculpture. Longmans, \$1.50.
- RONALD, MARY. Century cook-book. Century, \$1.50.
- SCRIBNER'S OUT-OF-DOOR LIBRARY:
- Angling. Scribner, \$1.50.
 Athletic sports. Scribner, \$1.50.
 Hunting. Scribner, \$1.50.
 Mountain climbing. Scribner, \$1.50.
- THOMPSON, S. P. Elementary lessons in electricity and magnetism, 1896.
 Macmillan, \$1.50.
- VAN DYKE, J. C. History of painting. Longmans, \$1.50.
- BIOGRAPHY.
- ADAMS, O. F. Dictionary of American authors. Houghton, \$3.
- BICKNELL, A. L. Story of Marie Antoinette. Century, \$3.
- BROWNING, MRS. E. B. Letters, edited by F. G. Kenyon. 2v. Macmillan, \$4.
- DICKENS, M. A. My father as I recall him. Dutton, \$1.
- FIELDS, MRS. ANNIE. Life and letters of Harriet Beecher Stowe. Houghton, \$2.
- FORD, P. L. True George Washington. Lippincott, \$2.
- MCCARTHY, JUSTIN. Story of Gladstone's life. Macmillan, \$6.
- MARCHESI, MATHILDE. Marchesi and music. Harper, \$2.50.
- PRIVATE life of the Queen, (Victoria,) by a member of the royal household.
 Appleton, \$1.50.
- SHERWOOD, MRS. M. E. W. Epistle to posterity. Harper, \$2.50.
- TENNYSON, HALLAM. Alfred, Lord Tennyson. 2v. Macmillan, \$10.
- WHARTON, A. H. Martha Washington. (Women of Colonial and Revolutionary times.) Scribner, \$1.25.
- CHILDREN'S BOOKS.
- AUSTIN, O. P. Uncle Sam's secrets. Appleton, 75c.
- BECKWITH, M. H. In mythland. Ed. Pub. Co., 35c.
- BENNETT, JOHN. Master Skylark; a story of Shakespeare's time. Century, \$1.50.
- BLAISDELL, A. F. Short stories from English history. Ginn, 40c.
- BROOKS, E. S. Century book of the American Revolution. Century, \$1.50.
 True story of U. S. Grant. Lothrop, \$1.50.
 True story of Abraham Lincoln. Lothrop, \$1.50.
 True story of George Washington. Lothrop, \$1.50.
- CHAPIN, A. A. Story of the Rhinegold told for young people. Harper, \$1.25.
- CLARK, IMOGEN. Will Shakespeare's little lad. Scribner, \$1.50.

- DAVIS, A. C. Nature stories for youngest readers. Ed. Pub. Co., 35c.
 Stories of the United States. Ed. Pub. Co., 40c.
- DELAND, E. D. Alan Ransford. Harper, \$1.50.
- DOUGLAS, A. M. Little girl of old New York. Dodd, \$1.50.
 Hannah Ann. Dodd, \$1.50.
- DRYSDALE, WILLIAM. Beach patrol; a story of the life-saving service.
 Wilde, \$1.50.
- DYSON, MRS. Stories of the trees. Nelson, \$1.25.
- EGGLESTON, EDWARD. First book in American history. Amer. Bk. Co., 60c.
 Stories of American life and adventure. Amer. Bk. Co., 50c.
 Stories of great Americans for little Americans. Amer. Bk. Co.,
 40c.
- FROST, W. H. Knights of the Round Table. Scribner, \$1.50.
- HARRIS, J. C. Aaron in the wild-woods. Houghton, \$2.
- HENDERSON, W. J. Last cruise of the Mohawk. Scribner, \$1.25.
- HENTY, G. A. March on London. Scribner, \$1.50.
 With Frederick the Great. Scribner, \$1.50.
 With Moore at Corunna. Scribner, \$1.50.
- LANG, ANDREW. Pink fairy-book. Longmans, \$2.
- LILLIE, L. C. A girl's ordeal. Coates, \$1.25.
- LINCOLN, J. G. An unwilling maid. Houghton, \$1.50.
- MOTHER GOOSE rhymes, jingles and fairy tales. Altemus, 25c.
- MUNROE, KIRK. With Crockett and Bowie. Scribner, \$1.25.
- NORTON, C. L. (Fighting for the flag series.)
 Jack Benson's log. Wilde, \$1.25.
 Medal of honor man. Wilde, \$1.25.
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- POULSSON, EMILIE. In the child's world. Milton Bradley Co., \$1.80 net.
- PRATT, M. L. American history stories. 4v. Ed. Pub. Co., 50c. each.
 Little flower folks. 2v. Ed. Pub. Co., 40c. each.
 Stories of colonial children. Ed. Pub. Co., 60c.
 Story of Columbus. Ed. Pub. Co., 60c.
- PIKE, RAFFORD, *pseud.* Adventures of Mabel. Dodd, \$1.75.
- RICHARDS, L. E. Five minute stories. Estes, \$1.25.
 Three Margarets. Estes, \$1.25.
- SEAWELL, M. E. Rock of the Lion. (A tale of the siege of Gibraltar
 1779-83.) Harper, \$1.50.
- STODDARD, W. O. Lost gold of the Montezumas. Lippincott, \$1.50.
 Red patriot. Appleton, \$1.50.
- TOMLINSON, E. T. (War of the Revolution series.)
 Three colonial boys. Wilde, \$1.50.
 Three young continentals. Wilde, \$1.50.
 Washington's young aids. Wilde, \$1.50.
- WARNER, C. D. Being a boy, illus. by Clifton Johnson. Houghton, \$2.
- WEIGHT, M. O. Citizen bird. Macmillan, \$1.50.
 Tommy-Anne and the three hearts. Macmillan \$1.50.

FICTION.

- BARNES, JAMES. A loyal traitor; a story of the war of 1812. Harper, \$1.50.
- BESANT, SIR WALTER. A fountain sealed. Stokes, \$1.50.
- BLACKMORE, R. D. Dariel. Harper, \$1.75.
- BURNHAM, C. L. Miss Archer Archer. Houghton, \$1.25.
- CATHERWOOD, M. H. Days of Jeanne d'Arc. Scribner, \$1.25.
- CRAWFORD, F. M. Corleone. 2v. (Sequel to Don Orsino.) Macmillan, \$2.
- CROCKETT, S. R. Lochinvar. Harper, \$1.50.
- DAVIS, R. H. Soldiers of fortune. Scribner, \$1.50.
- DORR, MRS. J. C. R. In kings' houses. Page, \$1.50.
- FORD, P. L. Hon. Peter Sterling. Holt, \$1.50.
- Story of an untold love. Houghton, \$1.25.
- FOX, JOHN, jr. The Kentuckians. Harper, \$1.25.
- GOODWIN, M. W. Flint, his faults, his failures and his fortunes. Little, \$1.25.
- HOPE, ANTHONY, *pseud.* Simon Dale. Stokes, \$1.50.
- HOWELLS, W. D. Landlord of Lion's Head. Harper, \$1.75.
- KIPLING, RUDYARD. Captains courageous. Century, \$1.50.
- KIRK, E. O. Revolt of a daughter. Houghton, \$1.25.
- LUSH, C. K. The federal judge. Houghton, \$1.25.
- MERRIMAN, H. S., *pseud.* In Kellar's tents. Dodd, \$1.25.
- The sowers. Harper, \$1.25.
- With edged tools. Harper, \$1.25.
- MITCHELL, S. W. Hugh Wynne. 2v. Century, \$2.
- MOORE, F. F. The Jessamy bride. Stone, \$1.50.
- POOL, M. L. Red Bridge neighborhood. Harper, \$1.50.
- PRINCE, H. C. At the sign of the silver crescent. Houghton, \$1.25.
- RAYNER, E. Free to serve; a tale of colonial New York. Copeland, \$1.50.
- ROBERTS, C. G. D. Forge in the forest. Lamson, \$1.50.
- ROBINSON, R. E. Uncle Lisha's outing. Houghton, \$1.25.
- SEAWELL, M. E. History of the Lady Betty Stair. Scribner, \$1.25.
- SMITH, F. H. Caleb West, master diver. Houghton, \$1.50.
- STEEL, MRS. F. A. On the face of the waters. Macmillan, \$1.50.
- STEVENSON, R. L. St. Ives. Scribner, \$1.50.
- STOCKTON, F. R. Great stone of Sardis. Harper, \$1.50.
- STUART, R. M. In Simpkinsville. Harper, \$1.25.
- Sonny. Harper, \$1.25.
- THANET, OCTAVE, *pseud.* Missionary sheriff. Harper, \$1.25.
- WEYMAN, S. J. Shrewsbury. Harper, \$1.50.
- WIGGIN, K. D. Penelope's progress. Houghton, \$1.25.
- WILKINS, M. E. Jerome. Harper, \$1.50.

HISTORY.

- ABBOTT, W. J. Naval history of the United States. Dodd, \$3.75.
- ANDREWS, E. B. Last quarter century of American history. 2v. Scribner, \$6.

- BOURINOT, J. G. Story of Canada. (Story of the nations.) Putnam, \$1.50.
 EGGLESTON, EDWARD. Beginners of a nation. Appleton, \$1.50.
 FISKE, JOHN. Old Virginia and her neighbors. 2v. Houghton, \$3.50.
 FISHER, G. P. Brief history of the nations. Amer. Bk. Co., \$1.50.
 LANDON, S. W. Brief outline of the history and civil government of Vermont. Silver, 42c.
 LATIMER, MRS. E. W. England in the nineteenth century. McClurg, \$2.50.
 Europe in Africa in the nineteenth century. McClurg, \$2.50.
 France in the nineteenth century. McClurg, \$2.50.
 Italy in the nineteenth century. McClurg, \$2.50.
 Russia and Turkey in the nineteenth century. McClurg, \$2.50.
 Spain in the nineteenth century. McClurg, \$2.50.
 LE BON, ANDRÉ. Modern France. (Story of the nations.) Putnam, \$1.50.

LITERATURE.

- CLEMENS, S. L. (Mark Twain, *pseud.*) How to tell a story and other essays. Harper, \$1.50.
 DRUMMOND, W. H. The habitant and other French Canadian poems. Putnam, \$1.25.
 FIELD, EUGENE. Lullaby land. Scribner, \$1.50.
 Songs and other verse. Scribner, \$1.25.
 HIGGINSON, T. W. Cheerful yesterdays. Houghton, \$2.
 KIPLING, RUDYARD. Seven seas. Appleton, \$1.50.
 LANG, ANDREW. Blue poetry book. Longmans, \$2.
 MITCHELL, D. G. American lands and letters. Scribner, \$2.50.
 English lands, letters and kings. 4v. Scribner, \$1.50 each.
 PALGRAVE, F. T., *comp.* Golden treasury. 2nd ser. Modern poetry. Macmillan, \$1.
 THOMPSON, SLASON, *comp.* The humbler poets. A collection of newspaper and periodical verse. McClurg, \$2.
 WOOD, K. B. Quotations for occasions. Century, \$1.50.

SCIENCE.

- ALLEN, C. L. Bulbs and bulbous plants. Judd, \$2.
 BLANCHAN, NELTJE, *pseud.* Bird neighbors; introduction by John Burroughs. Doubleday, \$2.
 CHAPMAN, F. M. Bird life. Appleton, \$1.75.
 GIBSON, W. H. Eye spy. Harper, \$2.50.
 HIGGINSON, T. W. Procession of the flowers. Longmans, \$1.25.
 McDONALD, DONALD. Sweet-scented flowers and fragrant leaves. Scribner, \$1.50.
 MATHEWS, F. S. Familiar trees and their leaves. Appleton, \$1.75.
 Familiar features of the roadside. Appleton, \$1.75.
 ROBINSON, R. E. In New England fields and woods. Houghton, \$1.25.
 SHALER, N. S. American highways. Century, \$1.50.
 STONE, ROY. New roads and road laws in the United States. Van Nostrand, \$1.50.

THEOLOGY, EDUCATION AND SOCIOLOGY.

- ABBOTT, LYMAN. Theology of an evolutionist. Houghton, \$1.25.
 BALDWIN, JOSEPH. School management and school methods. Appleton, \$1.50.
 BROOKINGS, W. D. and RINGWALT, R. C. Briefs for debate. Longmans, \$1.25.
 DRUMMOND, HENRY. The ideal life. Dodd, \$1.50.
 GLADDEN, WASHINGTON. Seven puzzling Bible books. Houghton, \$1.25.
 GOODNOW, F. J. Municipal problems. Macmillan, \$1.50.
 HARRISON, BENJAMIN. This country of ours. Scribner, \$1.50.
 MACLAREN, IAN, *pseud.* The potter's wheel. Dodd, \$1.25.
 MAHAN, A. T. Interest of America in sea-power, present and future. Little, \$2.
 PHELPS, E. S. Story of Jesus Christ. Houghton, \$2.
 SCHOUER, JAMES. Constitutional studies. Dodd, \$1.50.
 SMITH, N. A. Children of the future. Houghton, \$1.00.
 VAN DYKE, HENRY. Sermons to young men. Scribner, \$1.25.
 WHITING, LILLIAN. The world beautiful. 3v. Roberts, \$1 each.
 WINES, F. H. and KOREN, J. The liquor problem in its legislative aspects. Houghton, \$1.25.
 WYCKOFF, W. A. The workers. Scribner, \$1.25.

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

- BIGELOW, POULTNEY. White man's Africa. Harper, \$2.50.
 BISHOP, MRS. I. B. Korea and her neighbors. Revell, \$2.
 CLEMENS, S. L. (Mark Twain, *pseud.*) Following the equator. Amer. Pub. Co., \$3.50.
 DAVIS, R. H. A year from a reporter's note-book. Harper, \$1.50.
 DORR, MRS. J. C. R. A cathedral pilgrimage. Page, \$1.25.
 FLINT, GROVER. Marching with Gomez; a war correspondent's note-book during four months in the Cuban army, with an historical introduction by John Fiske. Lamson, \$1.50.
 HOUGH, E. Story of the cow-boy. (Story of the West ser.) Appleton, \$1.50.
 LOGAN, J. A. In joyful Russia. Appleton, \$3.50.
 LUMMIS, C. K. Awakening of a nation. (Mexico.) Harper, \$2.50.
 MÜLLER, MRS. F. M. Letters from Constantinople. Longmans, \$1.75.
 NANSSEN, FRIDTJOF. Farthest north. Harper, \$3.
 PALMER, FREDERICK. Going to war in Greece. Russell, \$1.25.
 PATON, W. A. Picturesque Sicily. Harper, \$2.50.
 ROWAN, A. S. and RAMSEY, M. M. The island of Cuba. Holt, \$1.25.
 SHINN, C. H. Story of the mine. (Story of the West series.) Appleton, \$1.50.
 SMITH, F. H. Gondola days. Houghton, \$1.50.
 STEELE, T. S. Voyage to Viking-land. Estes, \$2.
 WORKMAN, F. B. and W. H. Sketches awheel in modern Iberia. Putnam, \$2.

SELECTION OF BOOKS.

In selecting books the Commission has continued to procure lists of books already available in the towns, from their library trustees thus avoiding the purchase of duplicates. Good suggestions have also been received as to special books or the character of books desired.

Many towns have asked help from the Commission in the selection of books to be purchased with their annual appropriation. Books for little children, small sized histories and stories of celebrated men and women have been asked for in many instances, and care has been taken to find those best suited to the demand.

The following is a \$100 list purchased for one of the towns:

ARTS AND AMUSEMENTS.

ATKINSON, PHILIP. Electricity for everybody.
 BEARD, D. C. American boys' handy book.
 BEARD, LINA and A. B. American girls' handy book.
 COCHRANE, C. H. Wonders of modern mechanism.
 RONALD, MARY. Century cook-book.
 VAN DYKE, J. C. History of painting.

BIOGRAPHY.

BOLTON, MRS. S. K. Girls who became famous.
 DICKENS, M. A. My father as I recall him.
 FIELDS, MRS. ANNIE. Life and letters of Harriet Beecher Stowe.
 FORD, P. L. True George Washington.
 GOODWIN, MRS. M. W. Dolly Madison. (Women of Colonial and Revolutionary times.)
 HUBERT, P. G., jr. Inventors. (Men of achievement.)
 SHEERWOOD, MRS. M. E. W. Epistle to posterity.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

ALCOTT, L. M. Old-fashioned girl.
 ANDREWS, JANE. Seven little sisters who live on the round ball that floats in the air.
 AUSTIN, O. P. Uncle Sam's secrets.
 BECKWITH, M. H. In mythland.
 BROOKS, E. S. Century book for young Americans.
 True story of Abraham Lincoln.
 CARROLL, LEWIS, *pseud.* Through the looking glass.
 CLARK, IMOGEN. Will Shakespeare's little lad.
 COOPER, J. F. Last of the Mohicans.
 CREIGHTON, LOUISE. Stories from English history.
 DELAND, E. D. Alan Ransford.

- DODGE, MRS. M. M. Donald and Dorothy.
 EGGLESTON, EDWARD. Stories of American life and adventure.
 HARRIS, J. C. Little Mr. Thimblefinger and his queer country.
 HENTY, G. A. With Moore at Corunna.
 KIPLING, RUDYARD. The jungle book.
 LANG, ANDREW. Blue fairy-book.
 MUNROE, KIRK. The painted desert.
 POULSSON, EMILIE. In the child's world.
 PYKE, RAFFORD, *pseud.* Adventures of Mabel.
 SCHWATKA, FREDERICK. Children of the cold.
 SEAWELL, M. E. Rock of the Lion. (Siege of Gibraltar, 1779-83.)
 THOMPSON, D. P. Green Mountain boys.
 WIGGIN, MRS. K. D. Polly Oliver's problem.
 WRIGHT, M. O. Citizen bird.

FICTION.

- BARLOW, JANE. Irish idylls.
 BARNES, JAMES. A loyal traitor; a story of the War of 1812.
 BARR, MRS. A. E. The king's highway.
 BARRIE, J. M. Sentimental Tommy.
 BLACK, WILLIAM. Briseis.
 CABLE, G. W. Dr. Sevier.
 CRAWFORD, F. M. Paul Patoff.
 CROCKETT, S. R. The raiders.
 DAVIS, R. H. Soldiers of fortune.
 DICKENS, CHARLES. David Copperfield.
 Our mutual friend.
 DORR, MRS. J. C. R. In king's houses.
 DOYLE, A. C. Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.
 ELIOT, GEORGE, *pseud.* Romola.
 FORD, P. L. Hon. Peter Sterling.
 GOODWIN, MRS. M. W. Flint, his faults, his failures and his fortunes.
 HAWTHORNE, NATHANIEL. Marble faun.
 HOPE, ANTHONY, *pseud.* Prisoner of Zenda.
 Rupert of Hentzau.
 HOWELLS, W. D. The day of their wedding.
 JACKSON, MRS. H. H. Ramona.
 KIPLING, RUDYARD. Captains courageous.
 MACLAREN, IAN, *pseud.* Kate Carnegie.
 MERRIMAN, H. S, *pseud.* In Kedar's tents.
 MITCHELL, S. W. Hugh Wynne. 2v.
 PARKER, GILBERT. Seats of the mighty.
 PRINCE, H. C. Christine Rochfort.
 ROBINSON, R. E. Sam Lovell's camp.
 SCOTT, SIR WALTER. Ivanhoe.
 The talisman.
 SEAWELL, M. E. History of the Lady Betty Stair.

SMITH, F. H. Caleb West.

Tom Grogan.

STOCKTON, F. R. Adventures of Captain Horn.

THACKERAY, W. M. The Newcomes.

WALLACE, LEW. Ben Hur.

WEYMAN, S. J. Shrewsbury.

WILKINS, M. E. Jerome.

HISTORY.

ABBOTT, W. J. Naval history of the United States.

BOURINOT, J. G. Story of Canada. (Story of the nations.)

FISKE, JOHN. Beginnings of New England.

HIGGINSON, T. W. and CHANNING, EDWARD. English history for American readers.

LATIMER, MRS. E. W. Spain in the nineteenth century.

LODGE, H. C. and ROOSEVELT, THEODORE. Hero tales from American history.

ROBINSON, R. E. Vermont. (American commonwealths.)

LITERATURE.

AMERICAN poems, edited by H. E. Scudder.

LAMB, CHARLES and MARY. Tales from Shakespeare.

LANG, ANDREW. Blue poetry book.

MITCHELL, D. G. American lands and letters.

VICTORIAN anthology, 1837-1895, edited by E. C. Stedman.

SCIENCE.

BLANCHAN, NELTJE, *pseud.* Bird neighbors; introduction by John Burroughs.

BURROUGHS, JOHN. Riverby.

DANA, MRS. F. T. How to know the wild flowers.

THEOLOGY, EDUCATION AND SOCIOLOGY.

BALDWIN, JOSEPH. School management and school methods.

MACLAREN, IAN, *pseud.* The potter's wheel.

MAHAN, A. T. Interest of America in sea power, present and future.

WYCKOFF, W. A. The workers.

VOYAGES AND TRAVEL.

BRASSEY, LADY ANNE. Around the world in the yacht, "Sunbeam."

CUSTER, MRS. E. B. Following the guidon.

FLINT, GROVER. Marching with Gomez.

HOUGH, E. Story of the cowboy.

KNOX, T. W. Boy travellers in South America.

NANSEN, FRIDTJOF. Farthest north.

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES.

The towns are classified according to their free library privileges as follows:

CLASS 1.

Towns which have libraries owned and controlled by the town and free for circulation to all the people. (All towns in this list excepting those marked † have organized their libraries with State Aid.)

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| Alburg, | Highgate, | † †St. Albans, |
| Andover, | Hyde Park, | Sharon, |
| Athens, | Isle La Motte, | Shelburne, |
| Barton, | Johnson, | Sheldon, |
| Benson, | Kirby, | Shoreham. |
| †Brattleboro, | Landgrove, | South Hero, |
| Brighton, | Lunenburg, | Stamford, |
| Cabot, | Lyndon, | Stockbridge, |
| Canaan, | Marshfield, | †Stowe, |
| Castleton, | Milton, | †Strafford, |
| †Cavendish, | Montgomery, | Sunderland, |
| †Chelsea, | Newport, | Sutton, |
| †Chester, | Northfield, | Vershire, |
| Chittenden, | Orange, | Victory, |
| Concord, | Orwell, | Walden, |
| Enosburg, | Peru, | Washington, |
| †Fair Haven, | Pomfret, | Waterford, |
| Fairlee, | Poultney, | Waterville, |
| Fletcher, | Putney, | Westfield, |
| Franklin, | Randolph, | Westford, |
| Georgia, | Reading, | Westmore, |
| Grafton, | †Richford, | Weston, |
| Granby, | †Richmond, | West Windsor, |
| Granville, | Ripton, | Wheelock, |
| Groton, | Rochester, | Wilmington, |
| †Guilford, | †Rockingham, | Windham, |
| Hardwick, | Royalton, | Woodbury, — 83. |
| Hartland, | Ryegate, | |

†Owned by the city.

CLASS 2.

Towns which have free libraries in which the town has some representation in the management.

Burlington,

Springfield, — 2.

CLASS 3.

Towns in which there are free libraries to which the town appropriates money, but is not represented in the management.

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|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Morristown, | Pittsford, | West Rutland, |
| Newbury, | Rutland, | Windsor, — 7. |
| | Wallingford, | |

CLASS 4.

Towns in which there are free libraries which have no connection with the town.

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| Derby, | Montpelier, | Woodstock, |
| Hartford, | St. Johnsbury, | Thetford, — 7. |
| | Ludlow, | |

CLASS 5.

*Towns which have no free library. (Towns marked * contain libraries which are not free.)*

| | | |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| Addison, | Charleston, | Guildhall, |
| Albany, | Charlotte, | Halifax, |
| Arlington, | Clarendon, | Hancock, |
| Bakersfield, | Colchester, | Hinesburgh, |
| Baltimore, | *Corinth, | Holland, |
| Barnard, | *Cornwall, | Hubbardton, |
| Barnet, | *Coventry, | Huntington, |
| *Barre, | *Craftsbury, | Ira, |
| Belvidere, | Danby, | Irassburgh, |
| *Bennington, | *Danville, | Jamaica, |
| Berkshire, | *Dorset, | Jay, |
| Berlin, | Dover, | *Jericho, |
| Bethel, | *Dummerston, | Leicester, |
| Bloomfield, | Duxbury, | Lemington, |
| Bolton, | East Haven, | Lincoln, |
| *Bradford, | East Montpelier, | *Londonderry, |
| Braintree, | Eden, | Lowell, |
| *Brandon, | Elmore, | Maidstone, |
| Bridgewater, | Essex, | *Manchester, |
| Bridport, | Fairfax, | Marlboro, |
| Bristol, | *Fairfield, | Mendon, |
| *Brookfield, | Fayston, | *Middlebury, |
| Brookline, | Ferrisburg, | Middlesex, |
| Brownington, | Glastenbury, | Middletown, |
| Brunswick, | Glover, | Monkton, |
| *Burke, | Goshen, | Moretown, |
| *Calais, | *Grand Isle, | Morgan, |
| Cambridge, | *Greensboro, | Mt. Holly, |

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|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Mt. Tabor, | Sandgate, | Vernon, |
| *Newark, | Searsburg, | Waitsfield, |
| Newfane, | *Shaftsbury, | Waltham, |
| New Haven, | Sheffield, | Wardsboro, |
| North Hero, | Sherburne, | Warren, |
| Norton, | Shrewsbury, | *Waterbury, |
| *Norwich, | Somerset, | Weathersfield, |
| Panton, | South Burlington, | Wells, |
| Pawlet, | Stannard, | West Fairlee, |
| *Peacham, | Starksboro, | West Haven, |
| Pittsfield, | Stratton, | Westminster, |
| Plainfield, | Sudbury, | Weybridge, |
| Plymouth, | Swanton, | Whiting, |
| Pownal, | Tinmouth, | Whitingham, |
| *Proctor, | Topsham, | *Williamstown, |
| Readsboro, | Townshend, | Williston, |
| Roxbury, | Troy, | Winhall, |
| Rupert, | Tunbridge, | Wolcott, |
| St. George, | Underhill, | Woodford, |
| Salisbury, | *Vergennes, | Worcester, — 144. |

The above classification shows that of the 243 towns in the State—245 counting Barre and Rutland both as a city and a town—83 towns contain free public libraries wholly owned and controlled by the town; two contain free libraries of which the support and control is shared between private individuals and the town. Seven towns contain free libraries to which the town appropriates money without being represented in the management and in seven towns there are free libraries entirely supported by private benefactions.

This leaves 144 towns with no free public library. Twenty-nine of these towns have libraries charging an annual fee or used by stockholders only; a few are free for reference. In many of the 142 towns there appear to be obstacles to the formation of a free public library arising from the claims of different villages in the same town, scattered population and the difficulty of finding an accessible location. From the histories of the libraries already formed it may be seen that many such questions have been solved in a practical and satisfactory manner.

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TABULATED REPORT OF LIBRARIES ACCORDING TO COUNTIES.

ADDISON COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898. | STATE AID. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898. | ANNUAL DUES. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| Addison..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Bridport..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Bristol..... | Bristol Library Assoc'n..... | | No | Mrs. John R. Kilborn..... | 1,000 | No | | | | |
| Cornwall..... | Lane Library..... | 1859 | No | Mrs. E. O. Porter..... | 1,026 | No | | | | |
| Ferrieburg..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Goshen..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Granville..... | Granville Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Beacie Hubbard..... | 208 | Yes | \$15.00 | | | |
| Hancock..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Leicester..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Lincoln..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Middlebury..... | Ladies' Library..... | 1866 | No | Emma L. Higley..... | 4,000 | No | | | | |
| | College Library..... | 1800 | Yes | C. B. Wright..... | 22,762 | No | | \$175.00 | \$5,000.00 | Miss Starr..... |
| Monkton..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| New Haven..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Orwell..... | Orwell Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. R. D. Hall..... | 376 | Yes | 50.00 | | | |
| Panton..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Ripton..... | Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | | | Yes | | | | |
| Salisbury..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Shoreham..... | Shoreham Public Library..... | 1898 | Yes | Marcia A. Douglas..... | | Yes | 25.00 | | | |
| Starkboro..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Vergennes..... | Vergennes Library..... | 1876 | No | Mary P. Tucker..... | 3,000 | No | | | | |
| Waltham..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Weybridge..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Whiting..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |

Library free, 4 towns.
 Library not free, 4 "
 No library, 16 "
 28 "

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOL. JULY, 1898. | STATE AID. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898. | ANNUAL DUES. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Arlington. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Bennington | Bennington Free Library | 1866 | No | Mary B. Merrill | 6,064 | No | \$500.00 | | | |
| Dorset. | Dorset Book Club | 1870 | No | H. D. Baldwin | 467 | No | | \$47.60 | | |
| Glaistenbury | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Landgrove. | Landgrove Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. R. R. Wiley | 181 | Yes | 15.00 | | | |
| Manchester. | Mark Skinner Library | 1897 | No | Clara F. Hemenway | 9,423 | No | | | | { Mrs. Frances Skinner Willing. |
| Pera. | Pera Free Library | 1894 | Yes | M. M. Whitney | 200 | Yes | 15.00 | | | |
| Pownal. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Readaboro. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Rupert. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Sandgate. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Seaburg. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Shafsbury. | South Shafsbury Lib. Ass'n | 1875 | No | Mrs. Fred Eddy | 600 | No | | 15.00 | | |
| Stamford. | Stamford Public Library | 1894 | Yes | Ira D. Sanford | 242 | Yes | 15.00 | | | |
| Sunderland. | Sunderland Town Library | 1896 | Yes | J. M. Gregory | 180 | Yes | 15.00 | | | |
| Winhall. | No library | | | H. S. Burt | | | | | | |
| Woodford. | No library | | | | | | | | | |

Library free, 4 towns.
 Library not free, 4 "
 No library, 9 "
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CALEDONIA COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898. | STATE AID. | ANNUAL DUES. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| Barnet | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Burke, { East | Ladies' Library Assoc'n | 1872 | No | Mrs. Susan Streeter | 400 | | No | | | |
| West. | Ladies' Library Assoc'n | 1873 | No | Mrs. Sarah A. Bucl. | 946 | | No | | | (Building given by |
| Danville | Pope Memorial Library | 1879 | No | Nellie A. Colby | 1,078 | | No | \$10.00 | | (Mrs. C. E. Pope. |
| Groton | Groton Public Library | 1895 | Yes | George N. Clark | 425 | \$25.00 | Yes | | | |
| Hardwick | { Hathaway Free Public Lib. | 1895 | Yes | Carrie P. Bridgman | 884 | *200.00 | Yes | | | (Given by Mrs. M. |
| | Jendevine Memorial Lib | 1898 | Yes | Carrie P. Bridgman | 252 | | No | | | (M. Jendevine. |
| Kirby | Kirby Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. H. E. Bartlett | 182 | 15.00 | Yes | | | |
| Lyndon | Lyndon Free Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. H. Duston | 1,078 | 323.22 | Yes | | | |
| Newark | Ladies' Library | | No | | | | | | | |
| Peacham | Juvenile Library Society | 1810 | No | Anna E. Renfrew | 1,749 | | No | 37.00 | \$1,535.00 | (Thaddeus Stevens |
| Ryegate | Ryegate Free Library | 1895 | Yes | Mary S. Beattie | | 100.00 | Yes | | | (and others. |
| St. Johnsbury | St. Johnsbury Athenaeum | 1871 | Yes | Louise L. Bartlett | 15,073 | | No | | 52,000.00 | Horace Fairbanks. |
| Sheffield | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Stannard | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Stanton | Sutton Free Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. L. B. Wilson | 449 | 25.00 | Yes | | | |
| Walden | Walden Free Public Lib | 1895 | Yes | George T. Eastman | 281 | 25.00 | Yes | | | |
| Waterford | Waterford Free Library | 1896 | Yes | E. W. Brown | 176 | 25.00 | Yes | | | |
| Wheelock | Wheelock Public Library | 1897 | Yes | Rev. E. J. Hatch | 112 | 15.00 | Yes | | | |

* For running expenses of both libraries in town.

Library free, 10 towns.
 Library not free, 4 "
 No library, 3 "
 17

CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOL. JURY, 1898. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898. | STATE AID. | ANNUAL INTER. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Bolton | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Burlington | Billings Library | 1835 | Yes | Edith E. Clark | 52,750 | | No | | \$50,000.00 | Frederick Billings |
| | | | | | | | | | 10,000.00 | Maria L. Conkle |
| | | | | | | | | | 1,200.00 | Wheeler Fund |
| | | | | | | | | | 500.00 | Strong Fund |
| Burlington | Fletcher Free Library | 1873 | Yes | Sarah C. Hagar | 53,391 | \$2,200.00 | No | | \$600.00 | Mary L. Fletcher |
| Charlotte | Hosford Lib. of Bap. church | 1875 | § | Roderic Bno | 800 | | No | | \$50.00 | John Sherman |
| Colchester | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Essex | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Hinesburgh | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Huntington | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Jericho | (Two small subs. libraries) | | No | | | | | | | |
| Milton | Milton Free Library | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. C. L. Wolcott | 105 | 40.00 | Yes | | | |
| Richmond | Richmond Free Library | 1888 | Yes | Anna Norton | 881 | † | No | | 1,387.36 | Jonas F. Barber |
| St. George | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelburne | Shelburne Free Library | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. M. A. Hurley | 542 | 25.00 | Yes | | | |
| So. Burlington | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Underhill | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Westford | Westford Free Library | 1895 | Yes | J. S. Allen and L. C. Nichols | 409 | 25.00 | Yes | | | |
| Williston | No library | | | | | | | | | |

§ Free for parish.
 § Appropriated by the city.
 † Yearly.
 ‡ Town pays salary of librarians.

Library free, 6 towns.
 Library not free, 2 "
 No library, 16 "

ESSEX COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | No. Vols. July, 1898. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898. | STATE AID. | ANNUAL DUES. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| Bloomfield. | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Brighton. | Island Pond Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Leta J. Baton. | 330 | \$75.00 | Yes | | | |
| Brunswick. | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Canaan. | Canaan Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. Chas. H. Weeks | 348 | 50.00 | Yes | | | |
| Concord. | Concord Library | 1896 | Yes | W. J. Bingham | 576 | 25.00 | Yes | | | |
| East Haven | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Granby. | Town Library | 1896 | Yes | Lella Matthews | 120 | | Yes | | | |
| Guildhall. | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Lemington. | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Lunenburg. | Lunenburg Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Julia R. White | 696 | 50.00 | Yes | | | |
| Maidstone. | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Norton. | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Victory. | Victory Public Library | 1897 | Yes | Mrs. Herman Boyce | 108 | 15.00 | Yes | | | |

Library free, 6 towns.

No library, 7 "

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FRANKLIN COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898. | STATE AID. | ANNUAL DUES. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------------|
| Bakersfield..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Berkshire..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Enosburg..... | Enosburg Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | A. E. Galbraith..... | 294 | \$50.00 | Yes | | | |
| Fairfax..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Fairfield..... | (Sub. Hb. at East Fairfield) | | | | | | | | | |
| Fletcher..... | Fletcher Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. C. Carpenter..... | 204 | 25.00 | Yes | | | |
| Franklin..... | Franklin Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | S. J. Randall..... | 630 | 25.00 | Yes | | | |
| Georgia..... | Georgia Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. Abner Bliss..... | 140 | 25.00 | Yes | | | |
| Higgate..... | Free Library..... | 1897 | Yes | O. E. Sheridan..... | 112 | | Yes | | | |
| Montgomery..... | Town Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. B. H. Gilbert..... | 268 | 25.00 | Yes | | | |
| Richford..... | Arvin A. Brown Public Lib..... | 1896 | Yes | John F. Calkins..... | 930 | | No | | \$500.00 | Arvin A. Brown..... |
| St. Albans..... | St. Albans Free Public Lib..... | 1860 | Yes | Harriet L. Brown..... | 3,058 | \$600.00 | No | | 1,000.00 | Luther B. Hunt..... |
| Sheldon..... | Sheldon Free Public Lib..... | 1895 | Yes | Julia M. Trudeau..... | 249 | 25.00 | Yes | | | |
| Swanton..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |

Library free, 9 towns.
 No library, $\frac{5}{14}$ "

* Yearly.
 † Appropriated by the city.

GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898. | STATE AID. | ANNUAL DUES. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| Alburg | Alburg Town Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. F. H. Brayton. | 400 | \$25.00 | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Grand Isle | Grand Isle Library Club | 1868 | No | Cordelia Uford | 250 | ..... | No | \$5.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Ile La Motte | Ile La Motte Free Library | 1896 | Yes | Mary Montgomery | 151 | ..... | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| North Hero | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| South Hero | South Hero Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. Julia Hall | 288 | 15.00 | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... |

Library free, 3 towns.
 Library not free, 1 "
 No library, $\frac{1}{5}$ "

LAMOILLE COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898. | STATE AID. | ANNUAL DUES. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------------|
| Belvidere | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cambridge | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Eden | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Elmore | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hyde Park | Hyde Park Public Library | 1896 | Yes | L. H. Noyes | 500 | \$50.00 | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Johnson | Johnson Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. D. G. Holmes | 415 | 50.00 | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Morris-town | Morris-town Centennial Lib | 1891 | Yes | F. G. Fleetwood | 1,800 | 125.00 | No | ..... | ..... | (Mrs. H. O. Cushman |
| Stowe | Stowe Free Library | 1866 | Yes | Mrs. M. A. Jenney | 1,700 | 50.00 | No | ..... | ..... | { George W. Clark |
| Waterville | Free Library | 1896 | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Wolcott | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

Library free, 5 towns.
 No library, $\frac{5}{10}$ "

ORANGE COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898. | STATE AID. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898. | ANNUAL DUES. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Bradford..... | Bradford Public Library... | 1874 | No | Annie C. Spalding... | 2,750 | No | ..... | \$90.00 | \$5000.00 | J. L. Woods..... |
| Braintree..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Brookfield..... | Brookfield Library Assoc'n | 1798 | No | W. J. Blodgett..... | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Chelsea..... | Alden Speare Memorial Lib | 1894 | Yes | Nellie Corwin..... | 1,100 | No | \$45.00 | ..... | ..... | { Building given by |
| Corinth..... | East Corinth Public Lib | 1894 | No | W. R. Rowland..... | 450 | No | ..... | 100.00 | ..... | { Alden Speare. |
| Fairlee..... | Fairlee Public Library..... | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. B. W. Abbott..... | 104 | Yes | 15.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Newbury..... | Tenney Memorial Library... | 1897 | Yes | Frances M. Atkinson... | 2,887 | No | 150.00 | ..... | ..... | { Building given by |
| Orange..... | Orange Library..... | 1879 | Yes | Mrs. Myra F. Davis... | 600 | Yes | 15.00 | ..... | ..... | { Martha J. Tenney. |
| Randolph..... | Randolph Public Library... | 1896 | Yes | Maud E. Blanchard... | 840 | Yes | 200.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Straford..... | Harris Library..... | 1855 | Yes | Marian C. Hatch..... | 4,400 | No | ..... | ..... | 1,050.00 | { Building given by |
| Thetford..... | Latham Memorial Library | 1877 | Yes | Jane S. Worcester... | 1,800 | No | ..... | ..... | 1,500.00 | { Hon. J. S. Morrill. |
| ..... | Peabody Library..... | 1868 | Yes | Harvey Dodge..... | 5,000 | No | ..... | ..... | 2,500.00 | { Mrs. A. L. Barney. |
| Topsham..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Tunbridge..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Vershire..... | Colton Library..... | 1895 | Yes | F. D. Richardson... | 150 | Yes | 15.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Washington..... | Washington Town Library | 1896 | Yes | C. H. Johannesen... | 108 | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| West Fairlee..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Williamstown..... | Williamstown Social Lib... | 1801 | No | George B. Wilber... | 2,500 | No | | | | |

Library free, 9 towns.
 Library not free, 8 "
 No library, 5 "
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ORLEANS COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898. | STATE AID. | ANNUAL DUES. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| Albany..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Barton..... | Barton Town Library..... | 1896 | Yes | L. M. Hubbard..... | 729 | \$200.00 | Yes | | | |
| Brownington..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Charleston..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Coventry..... | (Small subscription library) | | No | | | | | | | |
| Craftsbury..... | Craftsbury Academy Lib..... | | No | Ida G. Dustan..... | 1,200 | | No | | | |
| Derby..... | Derby Public Library..... | 184- | Yes | G. A. Andrews..... | | | No | | | |
| Glover..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Greensboro..... | Greensboro Library..... | 1873 | No | Mrs. F. C. Kinney..... | 400 | | No | \$5.00 | | |
| Holland..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Iraaburg..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Jay..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Lowell..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Morgan..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Newport..... | Newport Town Library..... | 1896 | Yes | C. F. Ranney..... | 1,253 | *275.00 | Yes | | | |
| Troy..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Westfield..... | Westfield Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. E. M. Brown..... | 159 | 15.00 | Yes | | | |
| Wentmore..... | Wentmore Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. Mary E. Lyon..... | 171 | 15.00 | Yes | | | |

Library free, 5 towns.
 Library not free, 8 "
 No library, 10 "
 18 "

* \$75 of this from Village corporation.

RUTLAND COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898. | STATE AID. | ANNUAL DUES. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|---|
| Benson..... | Benson Free Library..... | 1898 | Yes | ..... | ..... | \$25.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Brandon..... | Ladies' Book Club..... | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Castleton..... | Castleton Free Library..... | 1897 | Yes | C. H. Rice..... | 800 | 125.00 | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Chittenden..... | Chittenden Free Public Lib. | 1896 | Yes | B. J. Perry..... | 273 | 25.00 | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Clarendon..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Danby..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Fair Haven..... | Fair Haven Public Library..... | 1887 | Yes | Elizabeth Perkins..... | 3,500 | 425.00 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hubbardton..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Ira..... | Baptist Sunday school Lib. | 1850 | Yes | Lillian Fish..... | 150 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mendon..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Middletown..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mt. Holly..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Mt. Tabor..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Pawlet..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Pittsfield..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Poultney..... | Maclure Library..... | 1839 | Yes | Bertha M. Shaw..... | 4,000 | 232.29 | No | ..... | ..... | Walker Memorial Building given by Henry F. Walker, M. D., otherwise endowed by several. |
| Poultney..... | Poultney Public Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Addie Kilborn..... | 1,684 | 600.00 | Yes | ..... | \$58.50 | ..... |
| Proctor..... | Proctor Public Library..... | 1881 | No | Nellie M. Glason..... | 4,500 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rutland..... | Rutland Free Library..... | 1886 | Yes | Mary L. Titcomb..... | 11,067 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rutland..... | H. H. Baxter Memorial Lib. | 1891 | Yes | Mrs. E. C. Riker..... | 1,900 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | (Supported by H. H. Baxter.) |
| Sherburne..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Shrewsbury..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Sudbury..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Timothy..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Wallingford..... | Gilbert Hart Library..... | 1894 | Yes | May L. Congdon..... | 2,400 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Wells..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| West Haven..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| West Rutland..... | West Rutland Library..... | 1881 | Yes | Anna H. Spencer..... | 1,200 | 320.00 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |

* Annually.

Library free, 10 towns.
 Library not free, 2 "
 No library, 15 "
 27 "

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898. | STATE AID. | ANNUAL DUES. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|--------------------|--|------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--|
| Barre..... | { Barre Library Association. E. E. French Library..... | 1873 | No | Edith A. Boyce..... | 1,500 | \$300.00 | No | | \$2,500.00 | E. E. French..... |
| Berlin..... | No library..... | | No | " "..... | 1,500 | | No | | | |
| Cabot..... | Cabot Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | C. M. Boyles..... | 479 | 25.00 | Yes | | | |
| Calais..... | Calais Circulating Library. | 1830 | No | Mrs. C. E. Robinson | 1,070 | | No | \$10.00 | | |
| Duxbury..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| E. Montpelier..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Payston..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Marshfield..... | Marshfield Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Alvi T. Davis..... | 152 | 25.00 | Yes | | | |
| Middlesex..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Montpelier..... | { Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Montpelier Public Library..... | 1896 1886 | Yes Yes | Mary E. Macomber. | 6,797 6,000 | | No | | | { Martin M. Kellogg Fannie M. Kellogg John E. Hubbard. |
| Mortown..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Northfield..... | Northfield Free Public Lib. | 1895 | Yes | Ellen S. Brown..... | 1,489 | 214.25 | Yes | | | |
| Plainfield..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Roxbury..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Waitsfield..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Warren..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Waterbury..... | Waterbury Public Library..... | 1888 | No | Jasmine A. Straw..... | 1,584 | | No | 68.00 | | |
| Woodbury..... | Woodbury Public Library..... | 1895 | Yes | B. H. Daniels..... | 229 | 25.00 | Yes | | | |
| Worcester..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |

* For care of both libraries.

Library free, 5 towns.
Library not free, 8 "
No library, 11 "
19 "

WINDHAM COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1898. | STATE AID. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1898. | ANNUAL DUES. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Athens | Athens Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. P. O. Edwards. | 227 | Yes | \$15.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Brattleboro | Brattleboro Free Library | 1882 | Yes | Wm. C. Bradley | 10,800 | No | 1,200.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Brookline | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Dover | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Dummerston | Dummerston Library Ass'n | 1874 | No | Henry H. Miller | 140 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Grafton | Grafton Public Library | 1874 | Yes | Lura A. Phelps | 2,200 | No | 50.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Gulford | Gulford Free Library | 1891 | Yes | Mrs. W. G. Worden | 1,120 | No | 40.00 | ..... | \$1,000.00 | Mrs. C. A. King |
| Halifax | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Jamaica | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Londonderry | Londonderry Lib. Ass'n | 1882 | No | ..... | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Marlboro | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Newfane | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Putney | Putney Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Mark Ward | 666 | Yes | 100.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rockingham | Rockingham Free Library | 1888 | Yes | Mrs. B. J. Plantier | 6,769 | No | 900.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Somerset | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Stratton | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Townshend | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Vernon | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Wardsboro | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Westminster | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Whitingham | No library ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Wilmington | Wilmington Free Library | 1896 | Yes | May Farrow | 500 | Yes | 50.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Windham | Windham Library | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. M. M. Lamson | 183 | Yes | 15.00 | | | |

Library free, 8 towns.
 Library not free, 2 "
 No library, 13 "
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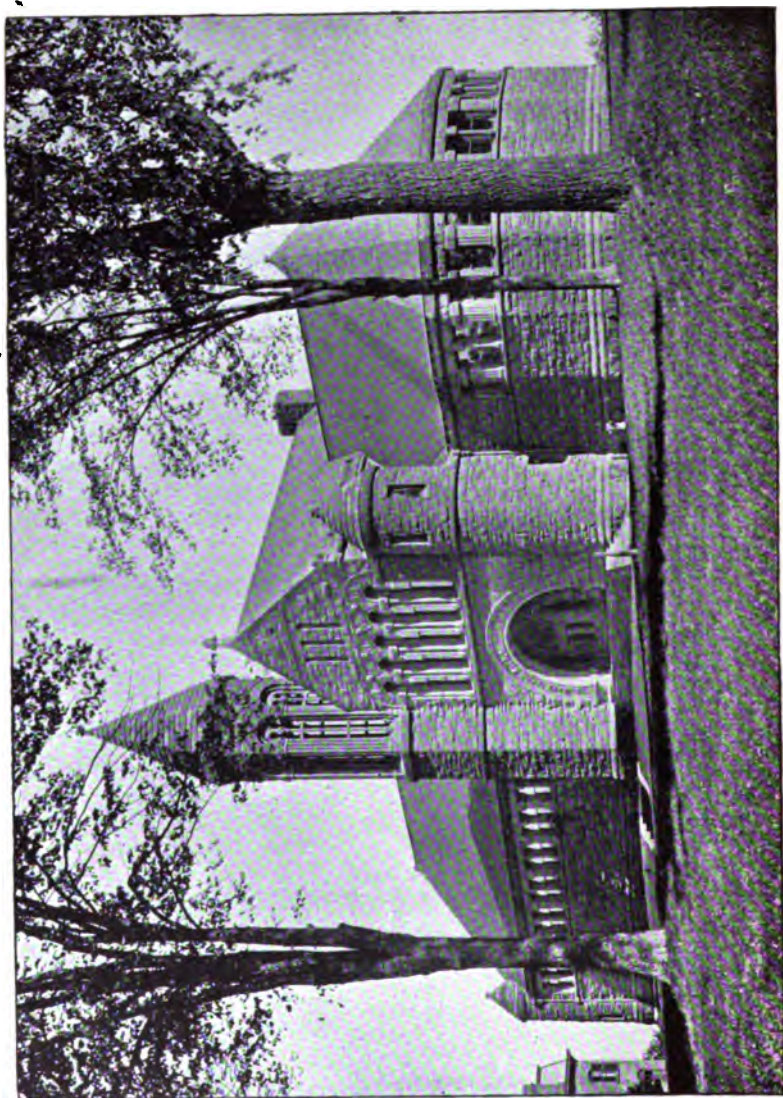
WINDSOR COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | No. Vols. July, 1898. | STATE AID. | AM'T App. BY TOWN, 1898. | ANNUAL DUES. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------|------------|--|
| Andover..... | Andover Town Library..... | 1896 | Yes | H. B. Stannard..... | 842 | Yes | \$15.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Baltimore..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Barnard..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bethel..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bridgewater..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cavendish..... | Fletcher Town Library..... | 1870 | Yes | E. G. White..... | 5,500 | ..... | 194.00 | ..... | \$100.00 | Richard Fletcher..... |
| Chester..... | Whiting Free Library..... | 1892 | Yes | C. Geneva Pollard.. | 2,700 | No | 200.00 | ..... | 4,000.00 | Dr. Laurin G. and Abigail B. Whiting |
| Hartford..... | Hartford Library..... | 1893 | Yes | Jennie A. Sprague..... | 2,000 | No | ..... | ..... | 10,000.00 | Ephraim Morris..... |
| Hartland..... | Hartland Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Louise R. Sturtevant | 900 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Ludlow..... | Florence Memorial Library | 1892 | Yes | Lizzie Crane..... | 2,141 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Norwich..... | Norwich Public Library..... | 1880 | No | Miss M. J. Davis..... | 2,192 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Plymouth..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Pomfret..... | Pomfret Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Clara M. Thacher..... | 511 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Reading..... | Reading Free Library..... | 1897 | Yes | Minnie C. Fay..... | 1,006 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Rochester..... | Rochester Free Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Jessie M. Morgan..... | 800 | Yes | 50.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Royalton..... | Royalton Town Free Lib.. | 1896 | Yes | Seymour Culver..... | 800 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Sharon..... | Sharon Public Library..... | 1895 | Yes | C. R. Adams..... | 956 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Springfield..... | Springfield Town Library..... | 1871 | Yes | Matthie Goodnough.. | 6,500 | No | 250.00 | ..... | *155.02 | One-half proceeds of sale of Springfield Wesleyan Seminary building. |
| Stockbridge..... | Stockbridge Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | J. A. Chedel..... | 219 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... | William C. Belcher..... |
| Weatherfield..... | Belcher Library..... | 1897 | Yes | F. E. Steele..... | 1,940 | No | 75.00 | ..... | 1,000.00 | ..... |
| Weston..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| West Windsor..... | Weston Free Library..... | 1898 | Yes | G. H. Coburn..... | 400 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Windsor..... | West Windsor Public Lib.. | 1895 | ..... | C. S. Worcester..... | 160 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Windsor..... | Windsor Library Assoc'n..... | 1883 | Yes | Rev. E. N. Goddard.. | 8,459 | No | 400 | ..... | 10,000.00 | Hon. and Mrs. Harlow. |
| Woodstock..... | Norman Williams Pub. Lib. | 1883 | Yes | Mrs. O. B. Jaquith.. | 10,785 | No | ..... | ..... | *2,720.00 | Dr. E. H. Williams.. |

* Annually.

Library free, 17 towns.
 Library not free, 1 "
 No library, 6 "
 — 24 "

HISTORIES
OF
LIBRARIES IN VERMONT.



BILLINGS LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

HISTORIES OF LIBRARIES.

[Fuller histories of some of the larger libraries in the State may be found in the First Biennial Report of the Board of Library Commissioners, 1895—96.]

Addison.—No library.

Albany.—No library.

Alburg.—A free library was started Dec. 12, 1896, with the assistance of the gift of books from the State. The town gives yearly \$25 for the maintenance of the library which now contains 400 books and is progressing finely. There are 176 readers and 2053 books were issued last year. Librarian, Mrs. Florence H. Brayton.

Andover.—The Andover Town Library was established in 1896 by a vote of the town. It contains 342 volumes and is supported by a yearly appropriation from the town of \$15. It has received the State grant of \$100 worth of books. Librarian, H. B. Stannard, who gives his services.

Arlington.—No library.

Athens.—The Athens Public Library was established in 1896. It is a free library belonging to the town and supported by an annual tax of \$15. It contains 227 volumes, \$100 worth of which were contributed by the State. Librarian, Mrs. P. O. Edwards.

Bakersfield.—No public library. There is a library connected with Brigham Academy for the use of teachers and pupils of the school only. Librarian, C. H. Morrill.

Baltimore.—No library.

Barnard.—No library.

Barnet.—No library.

Barre.—The Barre Library Association was organized Dec. 8, 1873, with 80 members, each paying \$2.50 for membership, \$1 for annual dues. Since 1881 books have been rented to any one desiring them, children included. Lectures, concerts and suppers help to furnish money for the purchase of new books. After paying the salary of the librarian and assistant the surplus is expended for books. For the last few years at the request of the librarian the city has given a part of the dog tax, about \$500, to the library. It is open every evening including Sunday, from 6 to 9, Wednesday and Saturday afternoon from 2 to 6. Number of books added last year 50. Circulation 1300. Librarian, Edith A. Boyce. Assistant, Maude L. Bush.

E. E. French Library.—Mr. E. E. French donated \$2500 at his death for a library to be known as the E. E. French Library, the books to be of reference, history, science, biography, but no fiction. The trustees are appointed by the city. Already 1500 books have been purchased and are kept in the same room with those of the Barre Library Association. They are rented at 50 cents a year, the terms of the will being "such compensation being asked as not to keep the poor from access." The town donates \$300 for the care of the library and the librarians of the Library Association have charge of the books. There were 700 books loaned last year and 100 new ones added. A library building is very much needed for the town.

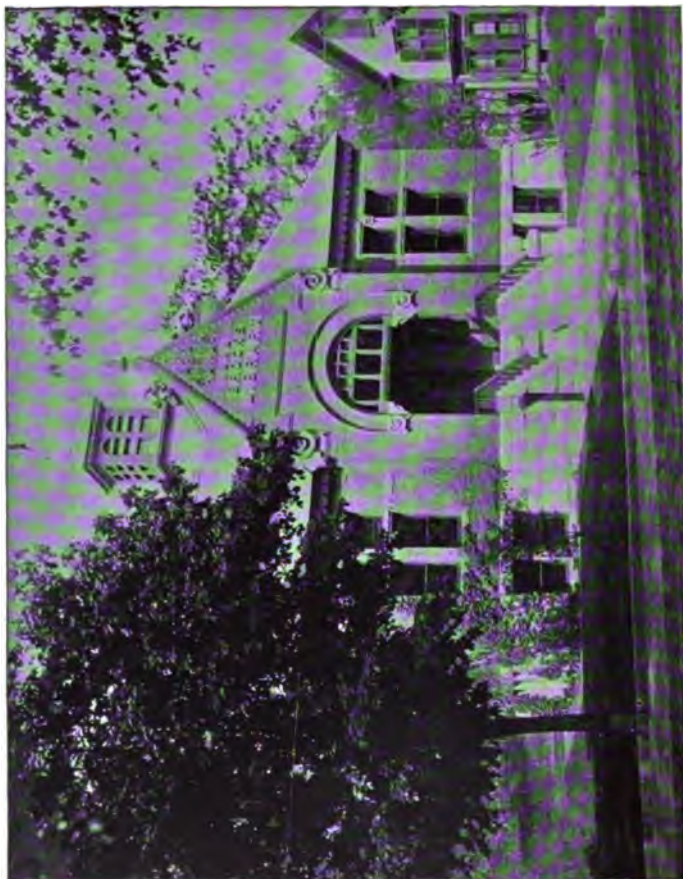
Barton.—Barton Town Library was established in 1896, the town voting that year \$50 and \$100 worth of books being received from the State. In 1897 the town voted \$200 and the same year two corporation libraries were added to the Town Library with the understanding that a branch be established at Barton Landing. This has been done and in 1898 the town again voted \$200. It is believed that when the people get used to the branch library it will be a good thing and in time there will be a fine working library with books enough for a good branch. Number of books May, 1898, 729. Added last year, 125. An average of 75 books are given out each day the library is open. Hours, Monday from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M. Librarian, L. M. Hubbard.

Bellows Falls.—See Rockingham.

Belvidere.—No library.

Bennington.—The Bennington Free Library was established in 1865 by the joint action of Seth B. Hunt and Trenor W. Park. Both were born and spent much of their lives in Bennington. The donors at equal expense purchased an unfinished commodious brick building two stories in height situated in the central part of the village and fitted two rooms in the second story for a library and reading room. There was also on the second floor a town hall to be used for lectures, concerts and public meetings. Their supposition was that the rental of the hall would meet the expenses of the library. They gave 2500 books and over 3000 have been added since. The hall has failed to pay the expenses of the library as was hoped. In 1893 the library was moved to the lower floor. Since then the hall has been enlarged and refitted at the expense of the heirs of Mr. Park and it is expected that better returns will be received in the future for its rent. The library is free only in name, as it is in reality a subscription library. For the last two years it has received an appropriation from the town but this is hardly adequate to meet the expenses. The property is controlled by trustees who are assignees or survivors of the five original trustees and the library is governed by trustees elected at the March meeting, for one year. It is wished that the time may not be far distant when it may become free. The library is open every week day from 10 to 12 in the morning, 2 to 5.30 in the afternoon and 7 to 9 in the evening. Librarian, Mary B. Merrill.

Benson.—The Benson Book Club was organized in the sixties by a few



BROOKS LIBRARY BUILDING, BRATTLEBORO.

citizens who assessed themselves \$2 each, per year, for its support. Any person became a member by paying the above sum and ceased to be a member when he failed to pay. It flourished until within the last two or three years, when finally the living members gave the books to the town, provided the town would appropriate a sum for the support of the library, and apply for the aid offered by the State. It is certain to be well cared for in the future. Librarian, Fannie Ladd.

Berkshire.—No library.

Berlin.—No library.

Bethel.—No library.

Bloomfield.—No library.

Bolton.—No library.

Bradford.—Bradford is the first town in which an incorporated library was established in Vermont, and this at so early a day (1796) as to mark unmistakably the intelligence of the early settlers. The library of this corporation was kept in one of the village stores. How long it existed is not known but the organization finally fell into decay although a considerable number of its books are now a part of the Merrill library of the high school. In 1874, 63 women organized the Ladies' Library Association which afterwards, still under the management of women, became the Bradford Public Library Association. In the twenty years of its existence this association accumulated a library of 2188 volumes. They were substantially aided during these years by a gift of \$1000 from Dr. D. K. Pearsons, of Chicago, a native of Bradford, to be invested and the income expended in the purchase of books. In 1896, through the generosity of John L. Woods, late of Cleveland, Ohio, Bradford became the possessor of a library building costing \$10,000 with an endowment of \$5000, the income of which is to be expended in the care of the building. To the corporation owning this building the Bradford Library Association have given their books. An effort is being made by the trustees to raise an endowment fund sufficient for the maintenance of the library. Librarian, Annie G. Spaulding.

Braintree.—No library.

Brandon.—No free library. The Brandon Ladies' Book Club has a library of about 3000 volumes.

Brattleboro.—The origin of the Brattleboro Free Library is to be found in the old Brattleboro Library Association, which dates from a meeting held Oct. 3, 1842, "for the purpose of taking measures to organize a Public Library." Membership in this association, conditioned on the payment of \$2 per share, subject to an annual assessment of \$1, was not confined to residents of the town. During the nearly forty years of the existence of this organization, the patrons never at any time exceeded a few hundreds, although the names of most of the well-known residents of Brattleboro and vicinity appear upon the list. In the winter of 1881-2, a movement was made to merge this library into one that should be supported by the town, and made free to all residents. Consent of the individual shareholders was secured, and on the 7th day of March, 1882, the town

voted to establish and maintain a free public library as provided in the Revised Laws of Vermont, taking the books and other properties of the association from the shareholders upon conditions set forth in the articles of agreement.

The year 1886 marks an era in the history of the library, not less important than that in which it was adopted by the town. During this year Mr. George J. Brooks, with characteristic liberality, erected and furnished the present Brooks Library Building. His sudden death, a few days before the time appointed for the dedication, revealed his plans completed, even to the preparation of his address of presentation. On the evening of Jan. 25, 1887, at the service of dedication, the building was transferred by the executors of Mr. Brooks' estate to a Board of Trustees chosen by himself, by them to be held in trust for "the use and benefit of the town, for the purpose of a public library." Later, the heirs of Mr. Brooks placed in the hands of these trustees the sum of \$15,000, for the maintenance of the building and its accessories. The trustees of the Free Library, having been formally notified that the building was ready for their use, transferred the library to the present commodious quarters.

The library numbers about 10,000 volumes for reference and circulation, besides about 2000 in the Phelps Division. The latter are the gift of the late Judge James Phelps of Townshend, and are for reference only. They consist of law books of special value, local history, and an interesting miscellaneous collection. Librarian, William C. Bradley.

Bridgewater.—No library.

Bridport.—No library.

Brighton.—The Island Pond Public Library was established in November, 1895, with the assistance of aid from the State. The town has appropriated each year more than the amount required by the law of 1894 and several volumes have been presented to the library. The schools are helped by teachers being allowed to keep books out as long as they wish. Present number of volumes, 330; added during the last year, 65; circulation for the last year, 3500. Librarian, Leta J. Eaton.

Bristol.—The Bristol Library Association contains about 1000 volumes. The books are rented for any length of time, within a year. Librarian, Mrs. John R. Kilborn.

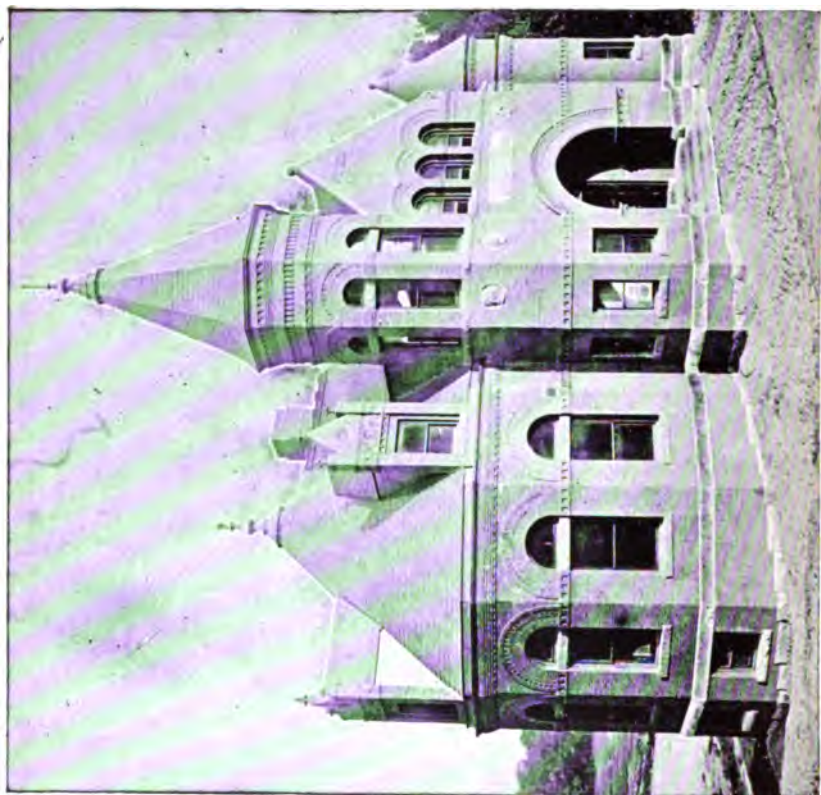
Brookfield.—The Brookfield Library is one of the oldest in the State having been organized in 1793, fourteen years after the first settlement of the town. The original constitution was signed by 48 names, and sixteen shillings, two dollars and sixty-seven cents, was the first fee for membership. A meeting of the stockholders has been held every year since its establishment at which the use of the books is auctioned off to the highest bidder. The volumes thus secured can be retained by each person until the next meeting when they are returned and another auction is held. Librarian, W. J. Blodgett. No compensation.

Brookline.—No library.

Brownington.—No library.

Brunswick.—No library.





WOODS LIBRARY BUILDING, BRADFORD.

Burke.—There is no free public library in the town though the inhabitants have library privileges to the following extent: In East Burke a Ladies' Library Association was organized in 1872. The books with which it started were given by the Ladies' Library Association in St. Johnsbury when the Athenæum was given to that town. Since then many volumes have been added to the library but the growth has been slow on account of a lack of interest on the part of the members. There are 400 books in the library at present and 30 were added last year. Librarian, Mrs. Susan Streeter.

West Burke also has a Ladies' Library Association which has been in existence for 25 years and now owns 946 books and 16 were added last year. The library is kept at the house of Mrs. S. A. Buel who serves as librarian.

West Burke School District, No. 7, was on August 12, of this year the recipient of a well selected children's library of 200 books presented by Mrs. Grace LeBaron Upham of Boston.

Burlington.—*Fletcher Free Library.*—Mrs. Mary L. Fletcher gave \$10,000 for the purchase of books and Miss Mary L. Fletcher \$10,000 as a fund, the income to be spent for books, on condition the city provide a suitable library building and care for the library. The library was opened July 6, 1875, with T. P. W. Rogers as librarian. On his resignation in 1885 Miss Sarah C. Hagar was appointed in his place. The influence and use of the library is increasing constantly, especially with the young. The connection between library and schools is very satisfactory. Many duplicate volumes are bought to be taken by the teachers for the use of scholars and teachers and retained during a school term. The building occupied is the old Court House, now the property of the city. Number of volumes owned by the library May 1, 1898, 35,000. Number of books issued last year, 53,391.

The Billings Library.—The efficiency of the library dates from about 1835, when Professor Joseph Torrey, after prolonged study of catalogues on the part of the faculty and consultation with experts in other colleges, purchased some 7000 volumes in Europe at a cost of about \$8750. This original collection has a value which cannot be estimated by the number of volumes, nor does the sum expended measure today the money value of the books. Only one other college in the United States (Harvard) at that day possessed a library equally well suited to the needs of an institution of learning.

There were added to the collection in 1895-96, 1730 volumes; in 1896-97, 1125 volumes. The number of pamphlets added in the two years is about 2300. Whole number of volumes now on the shelves, not counting duplicates, about 52,750. The library has a special fund of \$50,000 provided by Mr. Billings, the income of which is applied to the management and care of the building and its contents. Annual income for the purchase of books, a little over \$1000.

The beautiful and commodious Billings Library, erected at a cost exceeding \$150,000, with a shelving capacity of 100,000 volumes, contains

the general library of the University and the special collections. The apse, originally designed for the Marsh collection, has been appropriated to the use of the reference library and reading room. Students are allowed direct access to the shelves, with the exception of the Marsh collection. All comers are free to use the library for reading or consultation, and books are loaned to such persons as are personally known, or properly vouched for, to the library authorities. The whole library has been carefully arranged by subjects, on the Dewey system, with accession and shelf catalogues. A card catalogue on the dictionary plan is in progress, being already complete for the subjects: literature, philology, history, philosophy, religion, natural science and portions of sociology, industrial arts and fine art. A full catalogue of the Marsh collection, by authors and subjects, has been published.

Notable among the gifts of the current year are five rare and costly imperial folios from Gen. Rush C. Hawkins of New York city, reproductions, three of them, of priceless Old Testament Manuscripts in the Ambrosian Library at Milan; and the set of Stevens' Facsimiles of Manuscripts in European Archives, 1773 to 1783, 25 folio volumes including index. This collection by a Vermonter in London, of which only 200 copies were issued, is one of which Vermonters have no little reason to be proud. It will be seen at once to be invaluable as a handy and absolutely trustworthy compilation of otherwise virtually inaccessible primary sources of Revolutionary history.

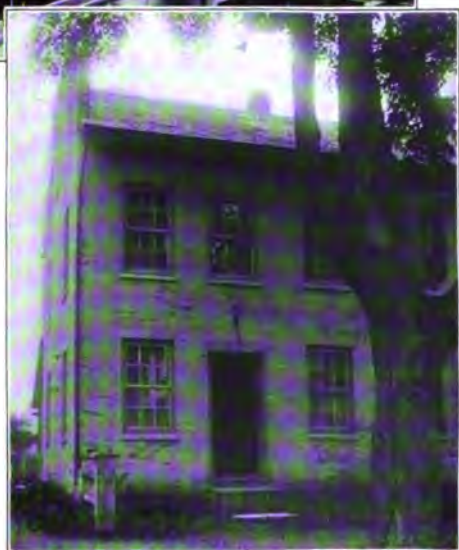
Cabot.—Cabot Free Library was opened Aug. 15, 1896. Besides the \$100 worth selected by the State Library Commission some books belonging to circulating libraries were contributed. The number of books is now 479. Added last year, 60. Loaned last year, 1000. Library open Wednesdays and Saturdays. Librarian, C. M. Boyles.

Calais.—The Calais Circulating Library originated in this way. A number of citizens of the town of Calais met according to previous notice, Jan. 14, 1832, for the purpose of establishing a library society. Officers and various committees were chosen and by-laws and regulations were adopted. The members numbered 33 who paid a membership fee and an annual assessment for the maintenance of the library. The library has continued under the same by-laws with a few amendments. Some of the children and grandchildren of the originators are at present members of the society. Many of the best histories, biographies and travels are contained in the library. It now numbers 1070 volumes. Librarian, Mrs. C. E. Robinson who serves without compensation.

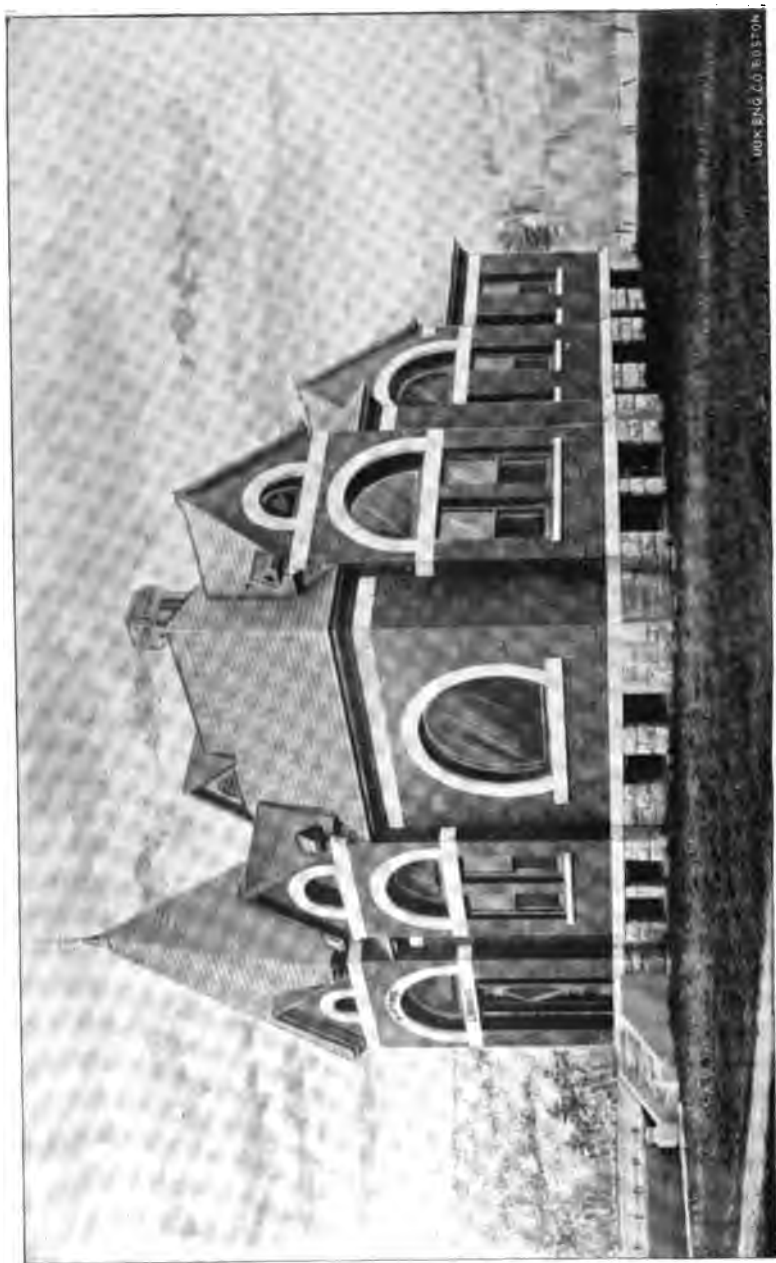
Cambridge.—No library.

Canaan.—In 1895 the Canaan Library was established with State Aid. It is open Wednesday and Saturday from 2 until 4 P. M. It owns 348 books, 100 added last year, and 900 loaned during the year. Chairman of Trustees, A. Q. Pottle. Librarian, Mrs. Charles H. Weeks.

Castleton.—The Castleton Free Library was organized in 1897 under the laws of the State. The trustees appointed caused the town to be canvassed for books and money, with the result of 400 volumes and \$50 in



CASTLETON FREE LIBRARY.



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WHITING FREE LIBRARY, CHESTER.

labor and money. The interest of the townspeople is evinced by the amount of the circulation for 11 months, being 4496 the total number of volumes in the library being 800. The reading room is under the management of the Good Literature Club, organized two and one-half years ago with a yearly attendance of about 2000. It is patronized by people of all classes. The reading matter is only of the very best. Monthly meetings are held for the study of authors, art, science and local history. These meetings have been largely attended and are anticipated with great interest. Librarian, C. H. Rice.

Cavendish.—The Fletcher Town Library was willed to the town of Cavendish in 1870, by Judge Richard Fletcher of Boston together with \$2000, the interest thereof to be used for the purchase of books. It contains 5500 volumes, part of which are kept at a branch library established at Proctorsville. The town appropriated \$194 for its support at the last March meeting. Librarian, E. G. White.

Charleston.—No library.

Charlotte.—No public library. The Horsford Library of the Baptist church was endowed by John Sherman and receives \$50 annually from his estate. It was established in 1875.

Chelsea.—The Alden Speare Memorial Library, established in 1894, started with the books belonging to a subscription library and a ladies' library as a nucleus. It is housed in a building erected by Alden Speare. The annual appropriation from the town amounts to \$45 and there are about 1100 volumes in the library. The librarian, Nellie Corwin, gives her services.

Chester.—The Whiting Free Library, established in 1892, is the result of bequests of Dr. Loring G. and Abigail B. Whiting. From the endowment left by them a building costing about \$8000 was erected, and the trustees have in charge a fund of \$4000, the income of which is available for the support of the library. The town also appropriates \$200 yearly. The library contains 2700 volumes. Librarian, C. Ginevra Pollard.

Chittenden.—The Chittenden Free Public Library was established in 1895, the town appropriating \$25, which has been continued annually and the State sending \$100 worth of books. There are 273 volumes on the shelves. It is well patronized, and its future looks bright. The librarian, E. J. Perry, receives no compensation.

Clarendon.—No library.

Colchester.—No library.

Concord.—The Concord Library was established in 1896 under the State law. It received at that time from the West Concord Library about 475 books and from the State the allotment of \$100 worth. It is located in the post office, the postmaster, Warner J. Bingham, being librarian, Edith M. Brooks, assistant. Number of volumes May, 1898, 578. No new ones added last year.

Corinth.—The East Corinth Public Library, numbering 450 volumes, was established by an association of public spirited citizens in 1894. It is

supported by the subscriptions of association members, and gifts from former residents of the town. Librarian, W. R. Rowland.

Cornwall.—Mr. Gilbert Cook Lane, by his will, left a legacy of \$100 to aid in establishing a library, provided that the town, or individuals, would by subscription or otherwise, increase the sum to \$500. Availing themselves of this stimulus several gentlemen organized a joint stock company. By the liberality of several subscribers in taking five shares each, more than the requisite amount was secured. An association was formed near the close of 1859 called the "Lane Library Association of Cornwall." The association now owns 1026 volumes. The librarian, Mrs. E. O. Porter, gives her services.

Coventry.—No library.

Craftsbury.—In 1892 there were not more than 250 volumes in the Craftsbury Academy Library. That year Mrs. Mary T. Hill of Burlington offered to give her books by bequest if the people would erect a fire-proof building. As soon as the building was erected by means of subscriptions, books began to be received. Mrs. Hill has lately died and her bequest is soon to be added to the collection. The library is catalogued by the Dewey Decimal system and it is expected that a catalogue will soon be printed. The library is supported by subscriptions, no appropriation having been received from the town. Number of volumes about 1200. Loaned last year, 837. Librarian, Ida G. Dustan.

Danby.—No library.

Danville.—The Pope Memorial Library at Danville Green is the outgrowth of a Young Ladies' Library Association which originated in the summer of 1879. The association beginning with 12 members soon reached the number of 40, each member paying \$1 and promising to help the cause in all possible ways. By means of a fair, cantata and other entertainments given during the winter the young women succeeded in raising \$125. This was spent in March, 1880, in purchasing books and a book case, and a friendly shoe-maker allowed the case to be placed in his shop. The library prospered and in 1885 a small brick structure was bought to contain it. By means of gifts and entertainments a few new books were bought each year. May 9, 1889, a fire broke out which destroyed the greater part of the village. The Young Ladies' Library Association however, saved their 700 books by carrying them to a place of safety in their aprons before their building was burned. The next year their courage was rewarded by the gift of a well appointed library building from Mrs. Charles B. Pope of Chicago, in memory of her husband. The library is still supported by subscription with timely assistance of money and books from Mrs. Pope. There are now 1078 volumes on the shelves; 36 were added last year and 1031 loaned. Librarian, Nellie A. Colby.

The village of North Danville has at present a travelling library of thirty volumes loaned them by the St. Johnsbury Woman's Club. It started on its travels last June, and when read by the people of the place, will be moved to another locality. It is kept at the house of Mrs. F. H. Hubbard and is being well patronized.



POPE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, DANVILLE.

Derby.—A library was first established by the citizens of the town many years ago. About 1880 a new organization was formed which awakened some interest and many new books were added by voluntary contribution. Interest soon died out and nothing was done for several years when the books were moved into the Derby Academy building and placed in charge of the principal. Its use is principally by the students of the school, although free to all inhabitants of the town.

Dorset.—The Dorset Book Club was organized in 1870. It is governed by a board of three trustees and supported by membership fees, amounting in 1897 to \$47.60. The library contains 467 volumes. Librarian, H. D. Baldwin.

Dover.—No library.

Dummerston.—The Dummerston Library Association was established in 1874. It is a subscription library containing 140 volumes. Librarian, Henry H. Miller, who serves without compensation.

Duxbury.—No library.

East Haven.—No library.

East Montpelier.—No library. The people of the town have access to the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier by paying \$1 a year.

Eden.—No library.

Elmore.—No library.

Enosburg.—The Enosburg Public Library was opened Aug. 1, 1896, the necessary steps having been taken to procure State aid. It is kept in a store and the books are accessible at all hours when the store is open. The proprietor of the store gives his services as librarian. During the past year 69 volumes have been added to the library, of which number 37 were purchased from the library funds and 32 were presented by Mr. F. S. Thornton. There are now 294 volumes in the library. The library records show that the number of books taken out each month during the past year is as follows: Feb. '97, 364. Mar. 428. Apr. 392, May 288, June 185, July 136, Aug. 156, Sept. 127. Oct. 161, Nov. 166, Dec. 118, Jan. '98, 151. There are at present 512 people who take books from the library. Trustees, G. S. Fassett, H. A. Cramton, J. M. Jeffords, E. J. Tyler, W. R. Ovitt. Librarian, A. E. Galbraith.

Essex.—No library.

Fair Haven.—The Fair Haven Public Library, established in 1887, owes its existence to the suggestion and influence of Mr. Moses Coit, a non-resident greatly interested in the establishment of libraries, the persistent efforts of Hon. A. N. Adams, and the earnest advocacy of Prof. Walter E. Howard, who notwithstanding much opposition obtained an appropriation of \$1,000 from the town for its establishment and support. Since then a sum averaging \$600 has been voted annually. In 1894 a reading room supplied with periodicals, through private yearly subscriptions was added to the library, increasing its influence. The interest of the readers continues to increase from year to year, over 700 more books having been drawn out in 1897 than in 1896. Librarian, Elizabeth Perkins.

Fairfax.—No library.

Fairfield.—No library.

Fairlee.—The Fairlee Town Library is one of the libraries established this year, (1898,) by the vote of the town. It has received the State grant of books. The annual appropriation is \$15. Librarian, Mrs. B. W. Abbott.

Fayston.—No library.

Ferrisburg.—No library.

Fletcher.—A free library was established two years ago, the State furnishing 110 books. Since then 124 books have been added by the town and by benefits. Librarian, Mrs. Cephas Carpenter.

Franklin.—In 1896 the Franklin Public Library was started with State Aid. There are 630 volumes in the library and 3,007 books were issued last year. Librarian, S. J. Randall.

Georgia.—Georgia Free Library was established Jan. 1, 1896, on receipt of a little over 100 volumes from the State. The town gives \$25 a year and additions have been made as fast as possible. The patronage has been very good. Chairman of Trustees, Abner Bliss. Librarian, Mrs. Abner Bliss.

Glastenbury.—No library.

Glover —No library.

Goshen.—No library.

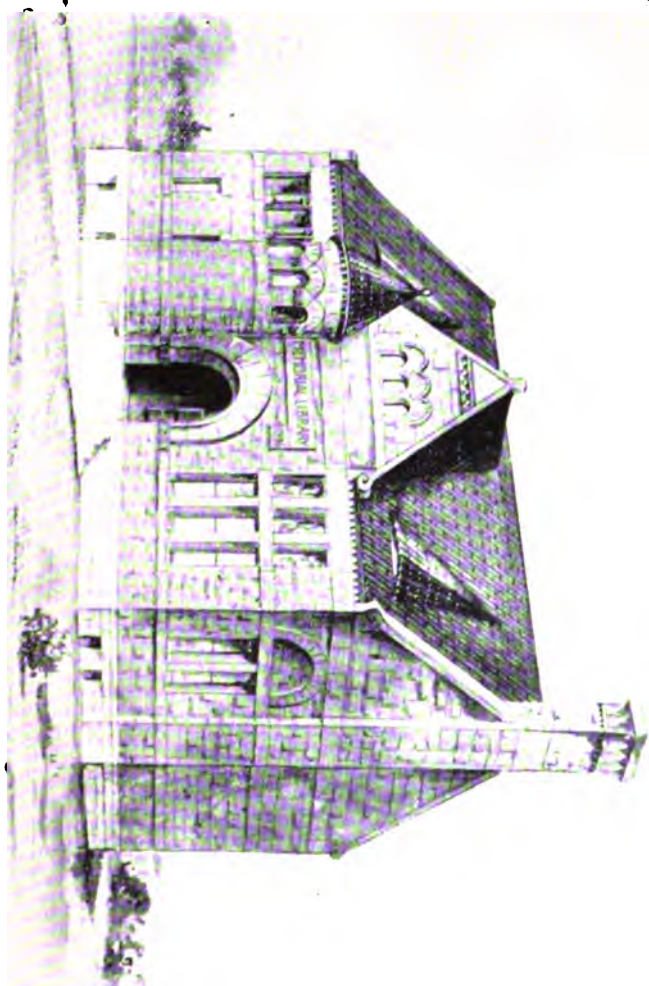
Grafton.—The Grafton Public Library was founded by private individuals in 1858, under the name of the Grafton Library Society. It was transferred to the town for a public library under the care of trustees then appointed, August 31, 1874. It has since been supported by an appropriation from the town varying from fifty to one hundred and twenty-five dollars annually. Librarian, Lura A. Phelps.

Granby.—The Town Library was started in 1896 with the \$100 gift of books from the State. No books have been added since. The library is kept in the town building. Librarian, Lella Matthews. Trustee, A. M. Carpenter.

Grand Isle.—The Grand Isle Library Club was organized Dec. 10, 1868, with 22 members paying \$3 each. The annual dues of \$1 per member according to the by-laws were expended for books. From year to year the members have died or moved away and the numbers are now very few. Two hundred and fifty is the present number of books, none having been added during the last year. Trustees, J. A. Chamberlain and S. P. Gordon, chosen yearly. The librarian, Mrs. Cordelia, Ufford gives her services.

Granville.—The Granville Free Library, established in 1895, by a vote of the town contains 208 volumes. It received the State grant of books, and depends for its support on the \$15 appropriated annually by the town. Librarian, Bessie Hubbard.

Greensboro.—A library was started in 1873 by a number of citizens who paid \$10 apiece for its establishment. It has since been supported by an annual assessment of \$1 a year upon those drawing books. Present number of volumes, 400. No new books have been added recently and the



JEDDAH MEMORIAL LIBRARY, HARDWICK.



HARTFORD LIBRARY.

library is not in a very active condition. It is kept in the house of Dr. Kinney, Mrs. Kinney serving as librarian.

Groton.—A library association was formed in December, 1894, for the purpose of raising money and establishing a free public library. The money raised was used in the purchase of books and \$100 worth of books was received from the State. There is now a sum in the treasury which will be expended for books in the near future. Number of books in the library 425. Circulation during the last year, 1585. Librarian, George N. Clark.

Guildhall.—No library.

Guilford.—The Guilford Free Library was established in 1891 by Mrs. C. A. King who bequeathed \$1000 to the town for a library if they would build a suitable building for the same. With the exception of the annual appropriation from the town, which last year amounted to \$40, and a few gifts of books this is all the aid the library has received. The collection numbers 1120 volumes. Librarian, Mrs. W. G. Worden.

Halifax.—No library.

Hancock.—No library.

Hardwick.—*The Hathaway Free Library* was started in May, 1895, with \$500 left to the town for that purpose by the late M. V. B. Hathaway. By a vote of the town in March, 1895, State Aid was applied for and the proper steps having been taken \$100 worth of books were received. A catalogue of the books then in the library was soon printed. Until January, 1898, the books were kept in a room rented for the purpose.

Jeudevine Memorial Library.—In December, 1897, a fine library building and a small library were presented to the town by Mrs. M. M. Jeudevine in memory of her husband and son. The Hathaway Library was then moved into this building and one librarian has care of both libraries though each is kept by itself. The salary is or will be a little over \$100 a year. The library building is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1 to 5, 6 to 9 p. m., also Saturday mornings from 9 to 12. Two hundred dollars was appropriated by the town in March, 1898, for the running expenses of both libraries. Librarian, Carrie P. Bridgman.

Hartford.—*The Hartford Library* was the outgrowth of the Hartford Library Association, composed of about fifty persons, varying from year to year, maintaining and increasing its collection and having an annual fee of \$1. The field they sought to reach appealed to the generosity of Mr. Ephraim Morris who was keenly alive to the difficulties and value of the work undertaken by them. He gave a fund of \$10,000 for a building for the library and a fund to support it. A lot of land was given by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Pease and a pretty building with convenient reading room, library and assembly hall has been fitted up. There were 1200 books as a nucleus from the old association. These are being constantly added to from the income of the endowment fund. The building was erected in 1893. The library is entirely free. Librarian, Jennie A. Sprague.

Wilder Club and Library.—The "Wilder Club and Library," is the name of a new institution established by the beneficence of the late Charles T. Wilder of Waverly, Mass., who has given his name to the village of Wilder,

where the Olcott Falls company, of which Mr. Wilder was president and chief owner, is located. The institution is endowed with a fund of \$30,000 which is entrusted to a self-perpetuating corporation composed originally of members appointed under the will of Mr. Wilder. It is intended to serve not only as a library and reading room, but to be the common centre of social life, where all may meet and associate and acquire by mutual contact better knowledge of, and truer sympathy with, each other. So we find in it not only books, periodicals and newspapers, but rooms for the Ladies' Club, for the workingman, a gymnasium, with baths and all the modern conveniences, a bowling alley and a room for games. All meet on the plane of social equality and true democracy. The nucleus of the library is a collection of some 600 books which have been collected from time to time by the Village Library Association for private circulation. This will be rapidly added to out of the funds in possession of the corporation and in time it will undoubtedly become one of the largest libraries in the town of Hartford, which is already so highly favored by the private library collections in each of the villages and the collections of the Hartford Library, the gift of Mr. Ephraim Morris in 1894. Mr. Wilder's gift is of such recent date (1897) that its practical working out is yet to be accomplished. Under the sympathetic supervision of his brother, who is a member of the corporation and has taken his place to a large extent, it is safe to predict a magnificent future to the charity. A new building is being erected on a pleasantly located lot, at a cost of about \$10,000 under the supervision of the architect, Mr. Louis S. Newton of Hartford.

Hartland.—The Hartland Public Library was established under the Act of 1894. In 1896 the town appropriated \$25, money was raised by school entertainments, and small gifts from persons interested was added. The State contributed one hundred dollars worth of books. There are three divisions to the town, Hartland, North Hartland and Hartland Four Corners. One-third of the books, numbering in all 900 volumes, are at each place, and there are three librarians, each of whom gives a room in a private house for the books, and the work is done without compensation. The annual appropriation of the town amounts to \$25. Librarians, Louise B. Sturtevant, Mrs. O. M. Badger, Mrs. D. Flowers.

Highgate.—At the annual March meeting in 1897 the town voted to accept the provisions of the Act of 1894 concerning State Aid to libraries, elected trustees and appropriated \$25 for the maintenance of a library. In the fall the assignment of books was received and the library opened in the Town Clerk's office. A few private contributions have been received. The selection of books made by the State Commissioners was very satisfactory. Librarian, O. E. Sheridan.

Hinesburgh.—In 1822 the Hinesburgh Literary Society Library was chartered by the legislature. This library had from two to three hundred volumes and was supported by the society. The society and library have had a long decline and went out about ten years since. What remains of the library is now in the Town Clerk's office and consists of about 100 volumes.

on the way to West Concord. In spite of the difficulty of dividing so small a number of books and shifting them from one branch to another, the plan has worked in a very satisfactory way and more people are reached and benefitted every year. One of the best results of the library is the bringing together of the town to form the Literary Society which meets every quarter either at one of the libraries or elsewhere. Some entertainment is given at each meeting for the benefit of the library. One of the last was a circulating library party which resulted in \$8 for the cause. The town appropriates \$15 annually and the services of the three librarians are given as well as room for the books in the house of each. There are now 186 books in all, 66 having been added to the 118 received from the State. Circulation for last year, 519. Chairman of Trustees, P. H. Graves. Librarian, Mrs. H. E. Bartlett. Assistants, Eva Wetherbee, Mary Quimby.

Landgrove.—The Landgrove Public Library was established in 1895. It received the State grant of \$100 worth of books. Contains 181 volumes and is supported by an annual appropriation from the town of \$15. The library is cared for by Mrs. Rowena R. Wiley gratuitously.

Leicester.—No library.

Lemington.—No library.

Lincoln.—No library.

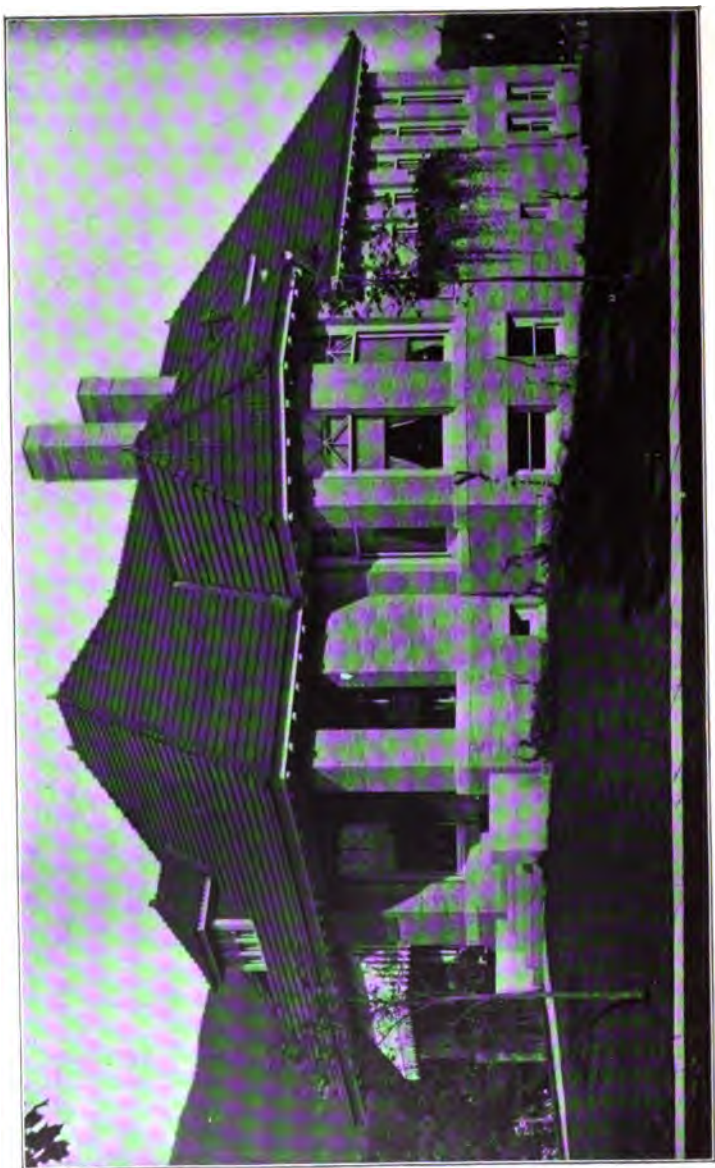
Londonderry.—No free library. The Londonderry Library Association started in 1882 owns over 700 books.

Lowell.—No library. A few years ago there was a small one but for some years the books have not been in use.

Ludlow.—The Florence Memorial Library was established in 1892, and numbers 2141 volumes. It is located in the Congregational Church, a room having been especially prepared for it when the church was built. It is under control of the church, who elect a library committee, each member serving five years, a new one being chosen each year. It is, however, a public library entirely free and unsectarian. An endowment is contemplated by the person who fitted up the room in the church, and who has since then contributed \$250 annually for its support. Librarian, Lizzie Crane.

Lunenburg.—The town voted to accept State Aid in the spring of 1895, and raised the necessary amount, \$25, which was used for the purchase of books. To these were added \$100 worth of books from the State and the Lunenburg Public Library was opened Dec. 15, 1895. A small library owned by a few people was started fifteen years ago and by entertainments and gifts a very good selection of about 500 books was collected. This was turned over to the town on condition that the town raise a certain amount yearly for the purchase of books. The library is kept in a small room conveniently located but there is no reading room. Number of volumes May 1, 1898, 696. Circulation during last year, 2596. Trustees, E. W. Wright, Julia R. White, F. A. Turner, Emma A. Barnard, Martin Burt.

Lyndon.—The Act of the Legislature offering State aid was accepted by the town in March, 1895. The library opened Feb. 29, 1896, with 103



MARK SKINNER LIBRARY, MANCHESTER.

volumes furnished by the State. March, 1897, the number of books had increased to 532, 203 having been purchased during the year and the remainder presented by friends of the library. March 1, 1898, the number had increased to 1078, 206 volumes having been presented and the remainder purchased by the trustees. During the year the cards in use numbered 486, an increase of 216 over the previous year. For the last two years the town has voted unanimously a special appropriation of two per cent of its grand list, not far from \$270 each year for the library, in addition to the \$50 required by law. In the following ways money has been contributed: From the Whist Club, \$48.08; Ladies' Minstrels and Merry Milkmaids, (local entertainment) \$24 and \$178; Leap Year Party, (balance after expenses) \$4.50; Shakespeare Club, \$5. The library is now kept in a store centrally located and is open Tuesday and Friday afternoons and evenings and Wednesday afternoons. Number of books issued last year, 3835. Secretary and Treasurer of Trustees, E. M. Campbell. Librarian, Mrs. H. Duston.

Maldstone.—No library.

Manchester.—The Mark Skinner Library was given to the town of Manchester, July 1897, by Frances Skinner Willing of Chicago, in memory of her father, Judge Mark Skinner. The gift includes a library building, furnished and equipped, and contains a library of about 12,000 volumes. A sufficient endowment is contemplated by the donor. For the present she provides yearly for the expense of maintaining the library. The library is free for reference, but for the use of books away from the library, a fifty-cent annual card is issued. All receipts from library cards and fines are devoted to the purchase and re-binding of books. Librarian, Clara F. Hemenway.

Marlboro.—No library.

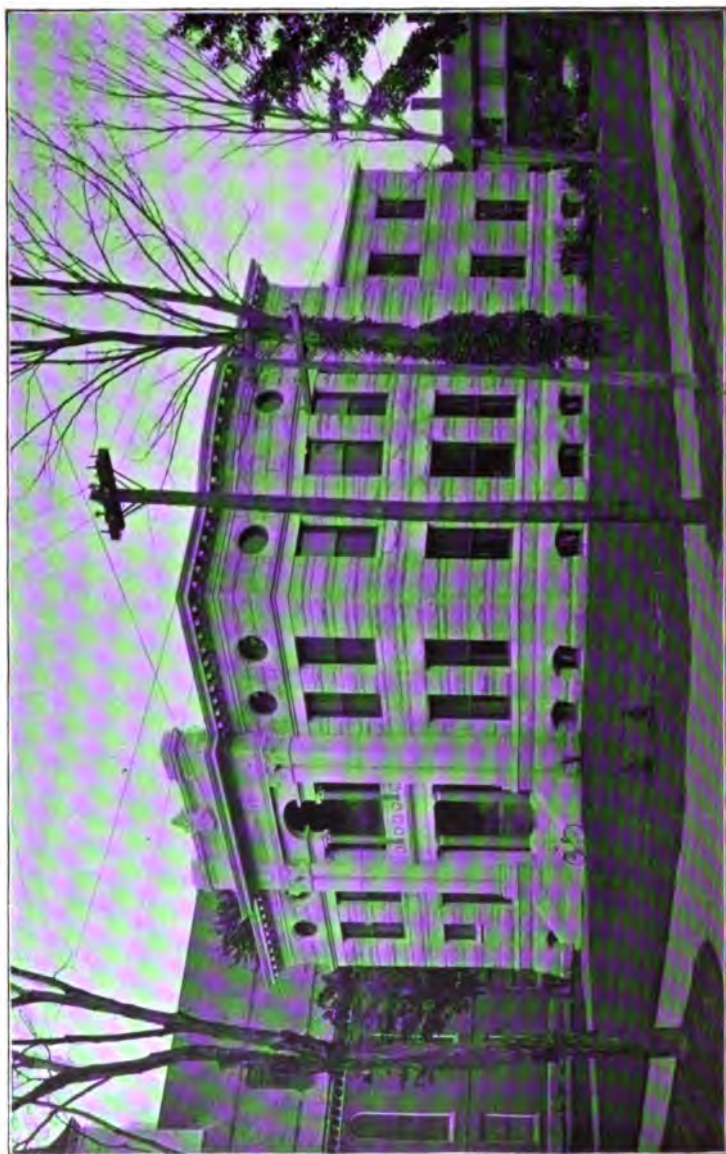
Marshfield.—The Marshfield Public Library was opened in November, 1895, after receiving the \$100 gift of books from the State. It now numbers 152 volumes which had a circulation of 1000 last year. The town has recently been willed \$6000 for a free public library by A. J. Jaqueth, and \$2000 is to be used as soon as received to purchase books and \$4000 is to be placed in trust, the income to be used for the same purpose. By a vote of the town last March, as soon as the above named funds come into the possession of the town the books now composing the Public Library will be placed with those purchased with the Jaqueth money, and the whole will be known as the A. J. Jaqueth Free Library. Librarian, A. T. Davis. Trustees, O. H. Smith, E. C. Pitkin, J. B. Pike, I. H. Edson, E. A. Thomas.

Mendon.—No library.

Middlebury.—*Ladies' Library Association* organized March, 1866. Constitution drawn up by the late Dugald Stewart, Esq., at the residence of Madame Wainwright. First year, the books were kept in two drawers at Beckwith & Co.'s store, Mr. Chas. Pinney having the care of them. Second year, moved to Mr. Parker's bookstore, Miss Parker, Librarian. Third and fourth years, moved to the rear end of N. P. Barbour's shoe store, Miss Julia Beckwith and Miss Mary Seymour, Librarians. In 1870

rented a small room in Buttolph Block, \$40; in 1874, room enlarged, rent increased; spring of 1887 moved to the Bank Building. Miss Higley has been librarian since 1878, with three assistants. Mrs. Oscar Cushman has been librarian since 1886 assuming half the duties. For a few years the library has been open on Wednesdays. The membership fee was \$2 until 1887, since it has been \$1. One year ago the association had a small amount left it by Mr. Cotton of Weybridge. The sum is not yet known. In April of the present year \$5000 was willed the association by Miss Starr. In both cases only the income is to be used.

The Library of Middlebury College, while first of all collegiate and one of the centers of the academic life, is nevertheless public in many of its features. No restrictions are placed on its use as a reference library by any who may wish to so employ it, and large numbers of its books are loaned, without charge, to residents of Middlebury and vicinity. In this regard the policy of the authorities is most liberal. The library contains between 17,000 and 18,000 volumes, exclusive of government publications, of which it is a depository. In its older elements, dating back for more than ninety years, its make-up is similar to that of many another—it is an aggregation of bequests, of the books of local societies since dead and of the scanty purchases of a time when finances were far from easy. Of the student societies whose books went finally to swell the collegiate collection, the chief were the Philadelphian (religious) and the Philomatherian (literary.) In its later and more important growth, the accessions have been directed not only to the enlarging of general lists but to the enriching of the various departmental collection. The efficiency of the library as a working center has steadily grown. Before the early eighties, its quarters were in that part of the chapel building now occupied by the museum. An extract from a series of rules then in force at that time will serve to illustrate the difference between then and now as regards the methods of administration. In the first place, it was not an every-day affair. "The library will be open for one hour on Saturdays at 9 A. M." But even that one hour was not a time for possible introduction to the library as such. The next rule states the restrictions: "Students are admitted to the ante-room of the library. The Librarian will, upon application, place upon the library tables any books which it may be desired to consult or inspect." In other words, the efficacy that attaches to actual contact with a library in its habitation could only communicate itself to the student body through a hole in the wall. Things are done better now-a-days. The hour a week has expanded into thirty-nine. Each shelf is accessible to every library used. Well equipped reading and reference rooms are connected with the library proper, and the library itself occupies four floors, each thirty feet square, in the north division of Painter Hall. As the facilities for work have increased, its use is more and more required of students by the various instructors. Constant reference is made in the class-room to books by volume and page. Works helpful in the investigation of special subjects are reserved in shelves upon the first floor. As a result a higher grade of scholarship and study has been made possible. The catalogues in use are three: a card catalogue



KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY, MONTEPELIER.

of authors, another of titles and subjects, and a written book catalogue, hardly necessary, of both titles and authors. A shelf catalogue will shortly be prepared. The officials are the librarian, selected from the faculty, and one assistant. The library can show no treasures of special value or importance, though many of its volumes, through association, are worthy of passing notice. Prof. William Chauncey Fowler, who from 1828 to 1838 occupied the chair of chemistry and natural history, was a son-in-law of Noah Webster and a co-laborer in the preparation of the dictionary. In consequence, the earlier editions of that work have, in their illustrative examples, a pleasant local flavor. A number of interesting volumes bear the presentation autograph of the great dictionary maker. It is hoped that the college will be able to celebrate its centennial in 1900 by the dedication of a new library building. For this the plans have already been prepared; if carried out they will result in a beautiful structure costing some \$50,000 and admirably adapted to making possible the most approved library methods. Librarian, C. B. Wright.

Middlesex.—No library.

Middletown.—No library.

Milton.—A few interested persons succeeded in getting in the call for town meeting in March, 1898, an article to see if the town would comply with the provisions of the law and secure State Aid in establishing a library. After much discussion the article was carried and an appropriation of \$40 secured. Trustees were elected according to law. Application for State Aid was soon made, and in the present month, July, a choice selection of books has been received from the State, to which additions will be soon made. Trustee, Rev. G. L. Story. Librarian, Mrs. C. L. Wolcott.

Monkton.—No library.

Montgomery.—The Town Library was established in March, 1895. It has 258 books, about forty having been added last year. Librarian, Mrs. B. H. Gilbert.

Montpelier.—*The Kellogg-Hubbard Library*, endowed by Martin M. Kellogg and Fanny M. Kellogg, his wife, of New York, was erected in 1894 by John E. Hubbard, who succeeded to their estates. The library was opened to the public Jan. 2, 1896, and since this time has been open every day, except Sundays and holidays, from 1 to 9 P. M. The library is always well patronized, the busiest times being Saturday and Monday evenings. Teachers make excellent use of the books. They have special cards and are allowed to take out whatever books they need. The Union School building is so near that the scholars go to the library constantly for study, using the encyclopædias and reference books. The librarian is always ready to help them find what they want. The number of books is 6797. New books are added every few weeks, sometimes but very few at a time as this method helps to keep up interest in the library. Books added last year, 434. Circulation, 36,848. Librarian, Mary E. Macomber.

The Montpelier Public Library Association was organized March 16, 1885. Although this is an association of stockholders, and for a time a small fee was charged, the library of 6000 volumes and its reading room

are now entirely free to the public. By an arrangement with the Young Men's Christian Association in which "The Thomas W. Wood collection in the Gallery of Fine Arts," also shares, the library is provided with quarters free of charge in the building of the Association. No new books have been added of late and the library is now being cared for by volunteer service.

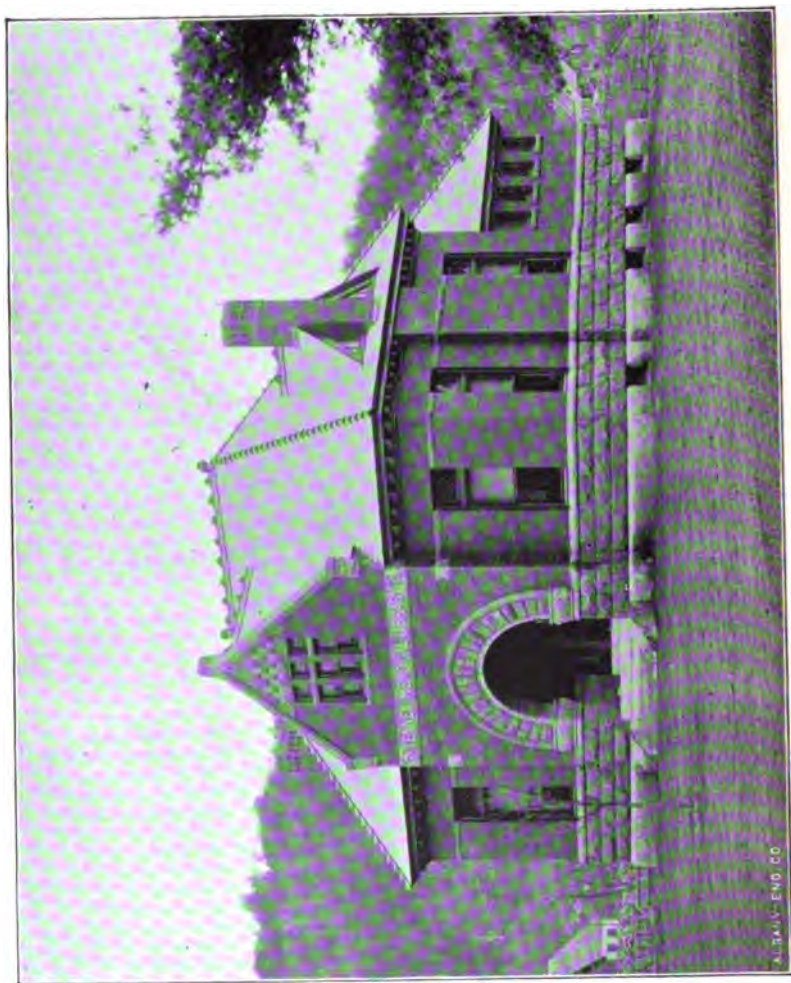
The Vermont State Library, in Montpelier, was established November 17, 1825. Since 1857 it has been under the management of a board of trustees. It is supported by the State and is for the use of citizens of the State for consultation. Legislators and State officers may take books from the library, and they are taken from the library for use in hearings before the Supreme Court, which holds its sessions in the same building. The library occupies the annex to the State House erected in 1885-6, the building having been constructed by virtue of an appropriation of \$36,000 by the legislature of 1884. It is open daily throughout the year from 8 A. M., to 5 P. M., and during session of the legislature from 8 A. M., till the close of legislative committee work in the evening. The librarian is Hiram A. Huse, who receives a salary of \$350 per annum, and the first assistant librarian is Thomas L. Wood, whose salary is \$1000 per annum. During the session of the legislature, a second assistant librarian is in attendance, who receives a per diem pay for his services. The trustees are three *ex-officio*, the Governor, Chief Judge of the Supreme Court, and Secretary of State; three State trustees, E. J. Phelps, William P. Dillingham and Robert Roberts; and three resident trustees, *Joseph Poland, J. Edward Wright and George W. Wing. The trustees by legislative authority fill vacancies in the office of State and resident trustees. The library contains at present about 33,380 bound volumes, exclusive of duplicates. The State appropriation for the purchase of books is \$800 per year and such sum as is received from the sale of Vermont Law Reports (the printed decisions of the Supreme Court).

Moretown.—No library.

Morgan.—No library.

Morristown.—A free library was started in 1891 through the efforts of Mrs. P. K. Gleed and named the Morristown Centennial Library, the town celebrating its centennial that year. Mrs. Gleed had succeeded in raising among her friends and townspeople the sum of \$350 in amounts varying from \$1 to \$50, when she received from Mrs. H. O. Cushman of Boston the generous gift of \$1000 to swell the fund. An association was formed at once and books were bought for the library, \$400 being reserved for a permanent fund. Soon after this, through Mrs. Gleed's suggestion, the Mary Clark fund of \$200 was given by Mr. George W. Clark in memory of his wife. The interest of both funds is used for the purchase of books. The town votes \$125 each year for the rent and heating of the library rooms. It also pays the interest on \$1000 so long as the library exists. This measure was secured through the efforts of Mr. P. K. Gleed. Entertainments are given from time to time for the purchase of books. The services of the librarian are given and all the books are catalogued gratuitously. There is a reading room connected with the library, supplied

*Deceased.



TENNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY, NEWBURY.

with 20 periodicals. The library is open Tuesday and Saturday, day and evening. Number of volumes, 1800; added last year, 200; circulation for last year, 8500. Librarian, Frederick G. Fleetwood. Assistant, Mellie Slayton.

Mt. Holly.—No library.

Mt. Tabor.—No library.

Newark.—No free library. There is a small suscription library in the town, called the Ladies' Library.

Newfane.—No library.

Newbury.—The Tenney Memorial Library was first opened to the public June 12th, 1897. The building was erected and presented to the town by Miss Martha J. Tenney of Haverhill, Mass., in memory of her father, Col. Abner B. W. Tenney, who was a life-long resident of Newbury. It is Romanesque in style, built of red brick, with red sandstone trimmings. It contains a reading room and an art room, besides the regular book room in which there is shelving capacity for 10,000 volumes. The library has a fund, but as this is insufficient for its entire support, the town makes an annual appropriation to help defray expenses. Although the library has not yet completed the second year of its existence, the public has shown a remarkable interest in its welfare and many gifts of books have been received. Beginning with a loan of 1600 volumes from the Ladies' Library Association, the number of books has now increased to 2600 volumes. Every responsible person in town is entitled to a card which enables him to take one book at a time from the library free of charge. The library is open two afternoons and evenings of the week. The circulation last year was 6600 volumes. The reading room is also well patronized. One of the most encouraging features of the library is the number of children and young people who frequent it. Librarian, Frances M. Atkinson.

New Haven.—No library.

Newport.—In 1896 the *Newport Town Library* was organized, there being merged with it the Newport Library Association, which had been in existence since 1884. There are now 1253 books in the library, which circulated 7500 books last year. It is now kept in C. F. Ranney's store.

Before many months the library is expected to become a part of the *Goodrich Memorial Library*. Mr. Converse G. Goodrich at his death, in September, 1897, bequeathed his entire belongings, both real and personal, to three trustees, Elisha Lane, C. N. Brady and C. A. Prouty, for the purpose of building a suitable structure, creating an adequate library and endowing the same so that it might be absolutely free to the inhabitants of the town of Newport. The sum bequeathed is \$61,000; the building which is in the process of erection will cost \$20,000; books, \$6000; furnishings, \$3000. The location is on Main street at the intersection of Second street.

Northfield.—Northfield Free Public Library. Very soon after the enactment of the State library law, the question of a town library was discussed, not only by individuals but by the weekly newspaper. A favorable public sentiment was thus created so that at the March meeting

in 1895 the people were ready for action. After the subject had been presented and the provisions of the law clearly explained it was unanimously voted to accept the conditions, establish a town library, and ask for the State Aid offered. Five trustees were chosen, who began the work committed to them without delay, and were soon ready for books from the State Commissioners, which were promptly forwarded. It was their purpose from the first to place the Library on the best foundation possible with all the latest improvements in regard to the classification and cataloguing of books. In this they were favored by the timely aid of one of the State Commissioners, who rendered efficient service. Meanwhile the Northfield Library Association, which had been doing good work for a number of years, gave its books, some 1100 volumes, to the Town Library. The people were interested and ready to help without pecuniary reward. They felt that the library was to be their property and they had an individual responsibility in making it the most efficient possible. Time, money and labor were cheerfully given. At the March meeting in 1896 the town voted to give the library annually, all the "dog money" over \$550. It is worthy of note that every act of the town has thus far been unanimous. It is confidently expected that it will continue to be so, by making the library a felt necessity. It now has over 1500 volumes. The trustees give generously of their time and labor as demanded, encouraged by the hearty support of the citizens, who have never failed to respond promptly to all calls for aid. There is the beginning of a library of which they are not ashamed, and while it is steadily growing, they look for larger growth in the near future. The library now numbers 1489, 80 volumes having been added last year. Circulation last year, 4376. President of Trustees, Rev. W. S. Hazen. Librarian, Nellie Brown.

North Hero.—No library.

Norton.—No library.

Norwich.—The Norwich Public Library, organized in 1880, contains 2192 volumes. It is a subscription library, a fee of 75 cents per year being charged for the use of the books. It has also received some gifts from interested parties. At one time it owned a part of a large school building, which, however, has been destroyed by fire. It is hoped to raise sufficient funds to erect a library building soon. Chairman of Trustees, Sarah J. Burton. Librarian, M. J. Davis, whose services are given.

Orange.—The Orange Library was established under No. 37 of the Acts of 1894. It has received \$100 worth of books from the State, about 475 from the town of Medford, Mass., and 20 from individuals. It is supported by an appropriation from the town amounting to \$15 yearly. Librarian, Mrs. Myra F. Davis.

Orwell.—The Orwell Free Library was established in 1896 under No. 37 of the Acts of 1894. It receives the State Aid of \$100 worth of books, and is supported by an annual tax of \$50. The librarian, Mrs. Rodney D. Hall, serves without compensation.

Panton.—No library.

Pawlet.—No library.



NORTHFIELD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.



WALKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUILDING. PITTSFORD.

Peacham.—The Peacham Juvenile Library Society, organized in 1810, was started by the voluntary subscriptions of Hon. Thaddeus Stevens and other scholars of Caledonia County Grammar School. It has ever since been carried on by subscriptions and managed by an executive committee of five. Any one can become a life member of the association on being recommended by the executive committee and the payment of \$1. Quarterly dues of 15 cents from members and 25 cents from non-members entitle any one to the use of the library. Each one has the privilege of taking two books, retaining them a month, and any two periodicals, a week. The association has received bequests from Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, \$1000; David Choate, \$100; Mrs. Priscilla Jones, \$100; Mrs. Hazen Merrill and Miss Sarah M. Eastman, \$60; Benjamin Marsh, \$25; Mrs. Hazen Merrill, \$250. All running expenses are paid from the quarterly dues. The association was incorporated at its start and has always been operated under the charter received then. There are now 1749 books in the library, which is kept in a store in the center of the village, and 67 books were added last year. Librarian, Anna E. Renfrew.

Peru.—Peru Free Library is one of the libraries established in 1895, under No. 37 of the Acts of 1894, providing for libraries. It has 200 volumes and the town supports it with a yearly tax of \$15. The librarian, Mrs. M. M. Whitney, serves gratuitously.

Pittsfield.—No library.

Pittsford.—The Maclure Library of Pittsford represents a hundred years of effort for mental improvement. A beginning was made when, on May 5, 1796, the "Librarian Society of Pittsford" was organized, and adopted a constitution. It started with seventy-nine members, who had subscribed \$89, and at its first annual meeting, Jan. 2, 1797, it possessed 115 volumes, a number much increased in subsequent years. Another and possibly a rival society, the "Pittsford Library Company," was organized April 12, 1832, with twenty-eight members. It soon owned 150 volumes, and had a more or less vigorous life for several years. In 1839 the "Maclure Library Association" was formed, absorbing what remained of the two previous organizations. It was incorporated under the laws of the State, and has continued its corporate existence without interruption to the present time. Hon. T. H. Palmer was largely instrumental in founding the Maclure Library. He was a native of Scotland, who, after living for several years in Philadelphia, settled in Pittsford in 1828. Greatly interested in everything relating to the intellectual advancement of the community, he desired to see a good public library started, and ventured to write to William Maclure, a retired merchant of Philadelphia, then living in the City of Mexico, stating the needs of the town and soliciting his aid. Mr. Maclure responded with the offer of \$400 if the townspeople would raise an equal amount. More than \$600 was promptly subscribed by the citizens, and the library was soon in operation. It was a fixed rule from the beginning, that all inhabitants of the town should have equal rights to the use of the library on the same terms, which was a fee of fifty cents for a yearly subscription. For a number of years after the

civil war the library was little used, although the organization was kept up. But in January, 1888, the Nickwackett Book Club, composed of ladies in the village, offered a gift of about sixty volumes to the association if the library could be reopened. The gift was accepted, new officers were chosen and measures were taken to raise funds. Senator Redfield Proctor gave \$400 and the town added \$100. For a time Hon. C. S. Colburn paid the annual fees for the school children of the town, thus awakening a more general interest in the library. These and other gifts made a steady growth possible, and more commodious accommodations soon became a necessity. In 1895 Henry F. Walker, M. D., of New York, presented to the association a beautiful and costly building, to be known as the Walker Memorial Building, in memory of his brother, the late Hon. Stephen A. Walker of New York. For two years past the town has paid the fees of all school children, and the present year it pays the entire running expenses on condition that the library be made free to all the inhabitants of the town. Membership in the corporation is gained by the payment of \$5 and a majority vote of the members present. Members have a right to vote in all business meetings of the corporation but have no special privileges in regard to the use of the books. The property of the corporation is under the control of a board of seven directors chosen at the annual meeting who also have entire charge of the use and management of the library. Librarian, Bertha M. Shaw.

Plainfield.—No library.

Plymouth.—No library.

Pomfret.—Pomfret Public Library organized March, 1896, under provisions of No. 37 of the Acts of 1894, contains 511 volumes and is supported by an annual tax of \$25. Librarian, Clara M. Thacher.

Poultney.—The Poultney Public Library was established in March, 1895, when the town voted a tax of eight per cent on the grand list for the purchase and support of a library. A board of library trustees was chosen at the same time, and in due course \$100 worth of books was received from the State. The usefulness of the library was at first questioned by some, but after three years' existence it is no longer to be regarded as an experiment. It contains 1684 volumes, loaning on an average forty books a day. The appropriation from the town for 1898 was \$600. Librarian, Addie Kilborn.

Pownal.—No library.

Proctor.—In May, 1881, a mass meeting was called to organize the Proctor Library Association. The record shows seven names as the first members of the association and they were elected the first board of trustees with the management of the library property. The first books, about 1500 volumes, were given by Senator Proctor and a room was provided for library use in what was then the marble finishing shop. The books remained there a year or two and were moved into better quarters in the new store building. In 1891, after the annual meeting for the election of trustees, a committee was elected to arrange a Fourth of July celebration, the object of which was to raise money for running expenses and to buy



PROCTOR PUBLIC LIBRARY, PROCTOR.

new books. Before this time money had been raised by some form of entertainment but since then the sports of July Fourth have been the principal means of revenue. Senator Proctor has made the library a standing offer to duplicate any amount that is set aside for the purchase of new books, on which offer he has been repeatedly called to respond. The same year, 1891, arrangements were made to move into the present quarters which is a fire proof building in the centre of the village. The lower floor is given up to a reading room of periodicals and a museum of Samoan and South American curiosities secured by Senator Proctor, a fine collection of geological specimens and a collection of sea shells made and presented by Rev. P. J. Long. The upper floor is given up entirely to books though the walls are decorated with pictures and several Vermont flags of the Civil War. The trustees are elected in May each year and consist of eleven persons elected by the members of the library association from among their number. A member of the library association is any person entitled to draw books. Any resident paying 25 cents a quarter for a card is entitled to all the privileges of the library, but the reading room is open to all persons without charge. The trustees elect their own president, secretary and treasurer from their own number. The president appoints a librarian and has charge of the library property under the direction of the trustees. The present quarters are furnished, heated and lighted by the Vermont Marble Co., free of charge. The library now numbers 4500 volumes, a proportion of which are in the Swedish language. Librarian, Nellie M. Glasson.

Putney.—The Putney Public Library consisting of 666 volumes was established in 1896. The town appropriates \$100 annually, has received a grant of \$100 worth of books from the State, and has also secured two small libraries that were in town. Librarian, Mark Ward.

Randolph.—The Randolph Public Library was established according to the vote of the town in 1896. During the first year of its existence the library received 573 volumes contributed from the following sources: Contributed by the State, 134; purchased with money from the town and other sources, 166; from the King's Daughters, 79; from the Randolph Book Club, 38; gifts from interested persons, 156; total, 573 volumes. At the present writing (May, 1898) the library contains 840 volumes. It is supported by the annual appropriation of the town and the proceeds of entertainments. Librarian, Maud E. Blanchard.

Reading.—The Reading Free Library was established by a vote of the town in 1897. It contains 1006 volumes, having received the State grant of \$100 worth of books. It is supported by an appropriation from the town of \$25 yearly. Librarian, Minnie C. Fay.

Readsboro.—No library.

Richford.—The Arvin A. Brown Public Library was established in February, 1896. It receives \$500 annually from an endowment fund provided by Mr. Arvin A. Brown and now contains 930 volumes. It is controlled by trustees chosen by the village, whose term of office is not limited. The hours of opening are Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Teachers are not limited as to the number of books taken

for use in school and not subject to time limit on such books. Circulation last year, 2942. Librarian, John F. Calkins.

Richmond.—About ten years ago the Richmond Free Library was established in accordance with the will of Jonas F. Barber. By this document the selectmen of the town were appointed as trustees and an endowment of \$1387 was made, the interest to be expended in the purchase of books. The town provides a room for the library and pays the salary of the librarian. There are now 881 books in the library, 177 having been purchased within the last year. The library is open Saturday afternoons and evenings. Librarian, Anna Norton.

Ripton.—A free library was organized in 1895 with the help of \$100 worth of books from the State.

Rochester.—A great many years ago several men wishing to establish a library started one by shares, some holding twenty, some ten, five, three, two or one share. Each share was valued at \$10. After several years shares became as cheap as \$3 and the library had 25 cents per year dues from each share. This was so small that instead of enlarging the library it grew smaller, for as the books wore out there was no money to replace them or purchase new. In 1895 the shareholders voted to turn the books over to the town for a free library. The town then complied with the requirements of the act of 1894 relating to libraries, appropriated \$50 for the maintenance of the library, received \$100 worth of books from the State and was established as the Rochester Free Library. Librarian, Jessie M. Morgan.

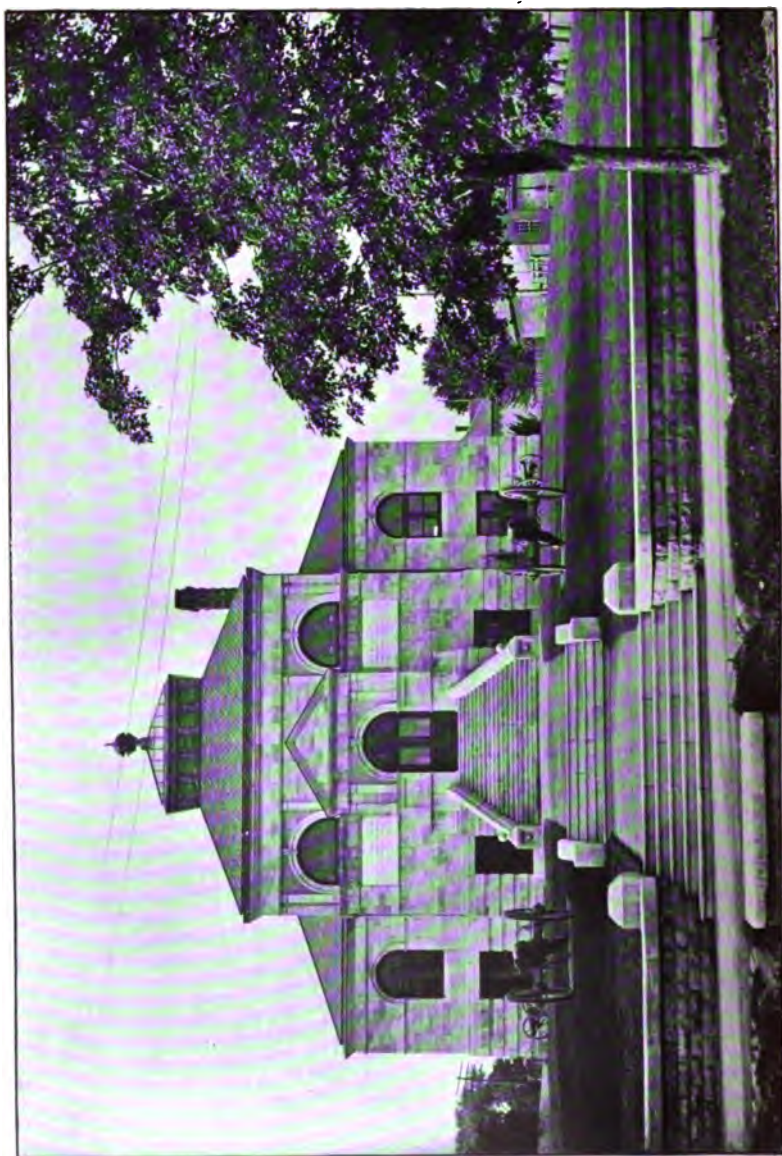
Rockingham.—The Rockingham Free Public Library at Bellows Falls was established in 1888, when the citizens of the town raised \$3000, which was given to the town on condition that they should support a free library ten years. This the town has done by an annual appropriation of \$800 or \$900. The library contains 6759 volumes and is rapidly outgrowing its quarters, being much in need of a good library building. Librarian, Mrs. E. J. Plantier.

Roxbury.—No library.

Royalton.—The Royalton Town Free Library was established in 1896. The town voted to establish a free public library and appropriated \$25. The State then gave \$100 worth of books. One individual gave 175 books and numbers were obtained from other sources. The Congregational Sunday School loaned 100 and the South Royalton Graded School loaned its library, consisting of 300 volumes. Among other gifts received is the Century Dictionary given by Mrs. Billings of Woodstock. The library contains 800 volumes. The town appropriates \$25 yearly for its support. Librarian, Seymour Culver.

Rupert.—No library.

Rutland.—The Rutland Free Library was organized in 1886, by an association of sixty of the women of Rutland, with Mrs. Julia C. R. Dorr as its president. It was opened to the public in July of that year, in an upstairs room on Merchants Row, the business street of the town, and had upon its shelves at that time 3234 volumes. The circulation for that year



MEMORIAL HALL, RUTLAND FREE LIBRARY.

was 20,283 volumes. At the March meeting, in 1887, the town adopted it by voting a tax sufficient for its support. In 1889 the library was moved into its present quarters, in Memorial Hall, the use of a part of that building having been granted by a vote of the town. It is almost purely a working library, having a substantial list of reference books and a well selected collection on general topics of interest. There are also two reading rooms supplied with sixty-three periodicals. At the present time it numbers 11,000 volumes and has an annual circulation of 63,000. Its affairs are still managed by an association of women, who elect each year an executive committee. In 1889, Miss Julia P. Humphrey, the first librarian, tendered her resignation and her place was filled by the election of Miss Mary L. Titcomb, who still holds the position. Until 1897 the funds for the support of the library were supplied by an annual appropriation from the city. In 1897 the usual appropriation voted by the Board of Aldermen, was vetoed by the Mayor on the ground that the city could not legally appropriate money for an institution owned and controlled by a private corporation, although maintained solely for the benefit of the public. The Board of Aldermen then recommended a certain sum for the support of the library for 1898, on condition that it could be made legal for the city to do it. This was accomplished at the extra session of the legislature convened May 5, by the passage of the following bill: "The city of Rutland by its Board of Aldermen is hereby authorized and empowered to appropriate a sum not exceeding three per cent of its grand list, annually, for the support and maintenance of the Rutland Free Library, provided that the inhabitants of said city of Rutland, shall at all reasonable and proper times have the free use of said library. This Act shall take effect from its passage and all appropriations heretofore voted and payments made to the said library, are hereby declared legal and valid." Having thus complied with the conditions imposed, the executive committee of the library, then made a formal application for the appropriation which had been recommended. Pending the action of the City Council in the matter a sufficient sum of money was loaned the library to enable the officers to keep it open for the use of the public. At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen held Monday, September 20, the following resolution was passed: "*Resolved*, That a warrant be drawn to the order of the Rutland Free Library for the sum of \$2400, the amount appropriated by resolution adopted February 21, 1898."

The H. H. Baxter Memorial Library, erected in memory of Henry Horace Baxter, by his widow, Mary E. Baxter, and his son, Hugh Henry Baxter, was built as a perpetual memorial to a man distinguished in benevolence—prominent in public spirit—who was, during the war, appointed adjutant-general of the State of Vermont. There are two spacious, well-lighted reading rooms, on the east and west ends, opening from a large central room, munificently furnished with carved oaken furniture and carpeted with Persian rugs. The woodwork is in carved quartered oak of fine workmanship; the wide open fire-place showing the fine polished marbles set with Mexican onyx; every accessory corresponding in elegance and finished detail. In both reading rooms are cabinets containing valuable art

works, from the earliest Italian, to the latest French school, chief of which are "*The National Gallery*," "*The Turner Gallery*," "*The Rembrandt Gallery*," "*Holbein's Court of Henry the Eighth*," "*Albert Durer's Grand Passion*," etc.; also photographs, from the old masters, inclusive of best examples of early medieval and modern art. Hundreds of volumes bound in full calf, crushed morocco, parchment and vellum, resplendent in gold and tooling. Several Aldines and Elzevirs, such as are kept under glass in great libraries, are to be seen in the alcoves, generously open to the public,—of course, to be handled with respect and care. One of the earliest of the Venetian Press is "*Cicero's Epistolæ ad Familiares cum Hubertine clerics Comments*," printed in 1483. The library is especially full in poetry and English literature. The books relating to America are chiefly biographical. In Biblical and Church literature is Pius the Sixth's Bible, bearing his coat of arms and crest, stamped in gold on vellum, the Barker Bible, the Coverly, etc. Nearly all the editions are from London and Edinburgh, only the best specimens of American binding being represented. A liberal education in the history of engraving, costume, caricature, and printing, is within reach of the enquirer, and it is safe to say that there is no collection of equal quality or rarity to be found outside the limits of the largest cities. Librarian, Mrs. E. C. Riker.

Ryegate.—The Ryegate Public Library started with 300 books from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union Library in 1895. The same year it received aid from the State, the town having taken the necessary steps. There is a branch at South Ryegate. The State books were divided with the branch, also the money appropriated by the town. The books are exchanged from time to time between the two libraries. About \$25 worth of books have been given by different individuals. Town appropriation March, '98, \$100. Books added last year, 50. Library hours, Tuesday and Saturday, 2 to 5, 6 to 9 p. m. Librarian, Mary S. Beattie.

St. Albans.—The St. Albans Free Public Library was originally established about 1860. The old library of over 4000 volumes was entirely destroyed by fire May 19, 1895. Since then a new library has been purchased and was opened in the new City Hall in March, 1897. It already numbers 3058 volumes, and last year circulated 29,124. The hours are from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m. every day. It is supported by the city and receives \$50 yearly from a fund left it by Luther B. Hunt. President of Trustees, D. D. Ranlet. Librarian, Harriet L. Brown.

St. George.—No library.

St. Johnsbury.—The St. Johnsbury Athenæum, containing a library, reading rooms, art gallery and lecture hall was founded and endowed by Horace Fairbanks and presented to the town Nov. 27, 1875. In 1892 the Isabel Fairbanks Farwell Memorial fund of \$5000 was given by Mrs. Fairbanks in memory of her daughter. The income of this fund is restricted to the purchase of books. There are now 15,073 books in the library which are free to all within the town limits. Two books are loaned at a time on each card. Of these only one may be fiction. The special feature of growth within the last few years is the constantly



ST. JOHNSBURY ATHENÆUM, BOOK ROOM.

increasing use of the library by children. There is no age limit, though each child is expected to be able to write his name before owning a card. Free access to the shelves is allowed, of which the people avail themselves with no appreciable disarrangement of order. The circulation in 1897 was 30,434. The library is open from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. each week day, and Tuesday and Saturday evenings from 7 to 9. Librarian, Louise L. Bartlett. Assistants, Mrs. Ella S. Truax and Martha J. Hall.

Salisbury.—No library.

Sandgate.—No library.

Searsburg.—No library.

Shaftsbury.—South Shaftsbury Library Association was organized in 1875, by a few men who felt the need of a library. The second year the women of the village raised \$100. Charter members paid \$3, afterwards \$1 per year. By persistent energy the library has been kept alive but is in need of funds. Mrs. Sarah Mirfield serves as librarian with no compensation.

Sharon.—The Sharon Public Library was established in 1895, by the provisions of No. 37, of the Acts of 1894. The State furnished \$100 worth of books, the books belonging to an old parish library were turned over to the town and some gifts were received from citizens. The town appropriates \$25 annually for its support and in 1897 a check for \$50 was received from Mr. John S. Shepard, a former resident of the place. The library contains 956 volumes. C. R. Adams, Librarian.

Sheffield.—No library.

Shelburne.—Shelburne Free Library was opened in December, 1895, the town having voted to receive State Aid. It now has 542 volumes and circulated 1427 last year. Practical interest in the library has been shown by Mrs. W. S. Webb, Mr. F. M. Barstow and Hon. J. L. Barstow, who have made generous donations. Chairman of Trustees, Mary A. Quinlan. Librarian, Mrs. M. A. Hurley. The library is open all week days from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., 5 P. M. to 7.30 P. M.

Sheldon.—The Sheldon Free Public Library was founded in the year 1895, when the State gave the town 119 volumes. The library was placed in the Town Clerk's office and he was appointed librarian. It remained there until March, 1897. Then Miss Julia Trudeau was appointed librarian and the library was moved to her home where it still remains. The books are carefully cared for, each one being added to the accession catalogue as it is bought. Between January, 1897, and January, 1898, 650 books were loaned. There are 249 books in the library, 74 being added last year. Library open from 2 to 9 P. M., every Wednesday and Saturday. Assistant Librarian, Eva C. Marvin.

Sherburne.—No library.

Shoreham.—The town voted in March, 1898, to start a free public library and has taken the necessary steps to secure State Aid. One hundred dollars' worth of books are expected soon. The five trustees elected by the town are: W. N. Platt, W. T. Delano, D. F. Macauley, J. J. Maginily,

C. W. Howard. Librarian, Marcia A. Douglas, who is to give her services to the library.

Shrewsbury.—No library.

Somerset.—No library.

South Burlington.—No library.

South Hero.—The South Hero Public Library originated over thirty years ago. The young people of South Hero had a series of entertainments which brought them in quite a little sum of money with which they bought books. A society was formed and the South Hero Library Association was established, with a library of about fifty books. A few volumes were added from time to time until there were ninety volumes. At the town meeting in March, 1895, South Hero voted to accept the offer made by the State to help the towns start free libraries. The Association agreed to loan their books to the town, which with the \$100 worth from the State gave a start of about 200 volumes. In 1895 the town gave \$25, in 1896 \$15, in 1897 \$15, all of which amounts have been expended for books. A few have been given and the number is now 307. The librarian kindly furnishes a room and cares for the books without any compensation. The people are interested and the books are well read. It is hoped that sometime there will be a library building and money with which to pay the librarian. The library is open Saturdays from 1 to 8 P. M. Secretary of Trustees, Mrs. Henry W. Couro. Librarian, Mrs. Julia D. Hall.

Springfield.—The Springfield Circulating Library, founded in 1819, the Society Library of the Springfield Wesleyan Seminary and the Farmer's Library gave their books and all their property to the town library when it was established in 1871, under the name of the Springfield Town Library. There is an endowment consisting of one-half the proceeds of the sale of the old Springfield Wesleyan Seminary building which yields an income of \$155 annually. The town also appropriates \$250 yearly. The books are housed in a building erected with money left by the will of H. H. Spafford for that purpose. There are 6500 in the library. Librarian, Mattie Goodnough.

Stamford.—Stamford Public Library was established in 1894. It has received \$100 worth of books from the State and owns in all, 242 volumes. The town appropriates \$15 annually for its support. The librarian, Iva L. Sanford, serves without compensation.

Stannard.—No library.

Starksboro.—No library.

Stockbridge.—In 1896 the *Stockbridge Free Library* was established with aid from the State. It now numbers 219 books and circulated about 500 books last year. Librarian, J. A. Chedel.

Belcher Library.—William C. Belcher in the year 1897 bequeathed his private library valued at \$4000, for a library to be formed in the village of Gaysville, Vt. He also bequeathed \$1000 to be put at interest, the income only, to be used in the purchase of books. The town of Stockbridge gives \$75 per year in addition to the \$25 given to the town library established by State Aid with the conditions that the two libraries shall be united in



TOWN BUILDING CONTAINING STAMFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY.

the caring for and the renting of books and that both be free to the public. There are 1940 books in the library at present, 200 having been added last year, and the circulation was 2502. Teachers and school children avail themselves with especial profit of the privileges of the library, which is open during the business hours of each day. Librarian, F. B. Steele. The librarians of both libraries serve gratuitously.

Stowe.—The library was established by the town in 1866 and has been supported by appropriations made by the town at its annual meetings and by gifts from its friends. It now has 1700 books. It has always been a free library and has been very fortunate in having for its trustees those who were wise and discerning in the choice of books and had the good of the town at heart. They are appointed by the town for five years. The library is open all the time during business hours. Teachers are allowed books for school use and no limit is placed on time when so needed. School children can consult the library at any time. Last year 2494 books were issued and 63 added to the library. Librarian, Mrs. M. A. Jenney.

Stratford.—The Harris Library established in 1850, has a fund of \$1050, raised by the contributions of natives of the town. In 1855 Hon. J. H. Harris gave \$5000 for the purchase of books. Hon. J. S. Morrill has given the town a building for the use of the library. The rent of the hall in this building yields an annual income which is devoted to the maintenance of the library. It contains 4400 volumes. Librarian, Marian C. Hatch.

Stratton.—No library.

Sudbury.—No library.

Sunderland.—The Sunderland Town Library was established by a vote of the town in 1896. It numbers 130 volumes, having received as a nucleus the State grant of \$100 worth of books. Seventeen volumes were added during 1897. The annual tax amounts to \$15. The books are divided and kept in two places, one at the north and the other at the south end of the town. Librarians, J. M. Gregory and H. S. Burt.

Sutton.—In April, 1896, the Sutton Free Library was opened to the public with Mrs. L. B. Wilson as librarian and has ever since been kept in a room in her house. The library started with 126 books given by the State. There was in town a library called the Citizens' Library, of 118 books which were donated to the Free Library. In 1897, 53 books were given by a young people's club. The money was raised by entertainments. The same year 13 books were given by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., and several books have been given by individuals, making 449 in all. The library is open Saturdays from 2 to 8 P. M. Librarian, Mrs. L. B. Wilson.

Swanton.—No library.

Thetford.—In 1877 Mrs. Azubah Latham Barney gave the sum of \$5000 for the founding of the *Latham Memorial Library*. A building was erected costing \$1500, \$1000 being taken from the fund and \$500 raised by private subscription. The library contains 1800 volumes and is

supported by the income derived from the fund. It is a free library. Librarian, Jane S. Worcester.

The Peabody Library is located at Post Mills Village in this town. It was established in 1868, Mr. George Peabody having given \$2000 for its maintenance and \$500 has since been added to the endowment. It contains 5000 volumes. Librarian, Harry Dodge.

Tinmouth.—No library.

Topsham.—No library.

Townshend.—No library.

Troy.—No library.

Tunbridge.—No library.

Underhill.—No library.

Vergennes.—The Vergennes Library was founded by Miss Susan B. Strong, she leaving by will the sum of \$900 at the decease of a colored servant to the city of Vergennes on condition that by public tax or private subscription they would raise an equal amount to meet the legacy. The Ladies' Library Association having been at work for the same object, when the legacy became due paid the sum in their treasury, \$476.06, to Mr. Wm. R. Bixby of the Library committee to pay over to the city, the latter raising the balance of the fund to secure the legacy. The city assuming the expenses of establishing said public library, it was first opened to the reading public June 1, 1876, with 621 volumes on its shelves. Its present number, including reference books, is 3000 volumes. We have received but few donations of books, or for books. Miss Caroline Sutton gave us \$150, and at her decease left us \$500. The Hon. Edward Seymour left us \$100. Our financial ability being small, the funds have been most judiciously managed and expended by Mr. Charles E. Parker, who for the twenty-two years of its history has been standing committee man with the exception of one year, whatever other changes have taken place on that committee. Librarian, Mary P. Tucker.

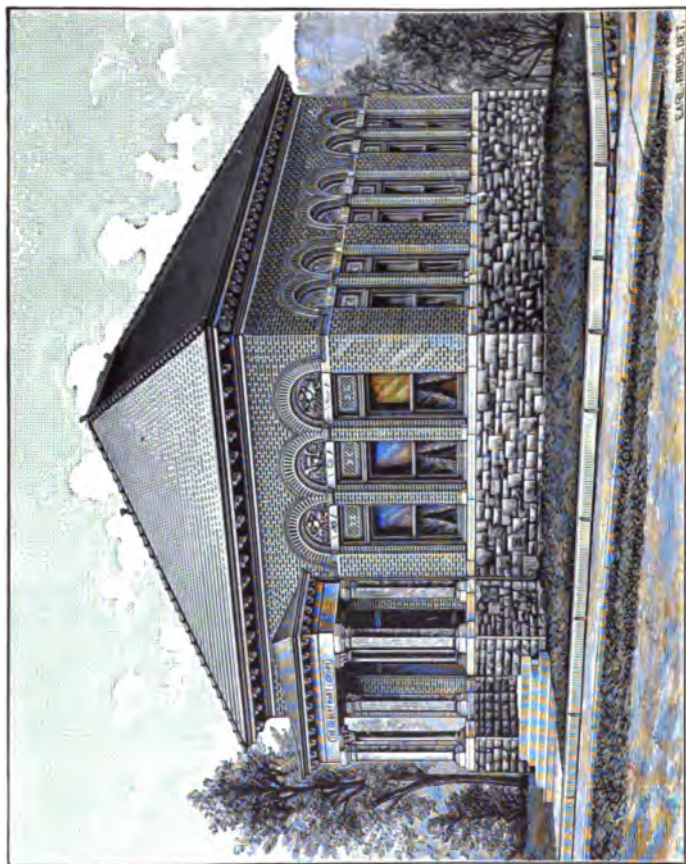
Vernon.—No library.

Vershire.—The Colton Library was established at Vershire in 1895. It is supported by an annual appropriation from the town of \$15. In 1895 it received \$100 worth of books from the State. It now numbers 150 volumes. Librarian, F. D. Richardson.

Victory.—The town voted in March, 1896 to appropriate \$15 for the maintenance of a public library. As only three trustees were elected nothing more could be done until March, 1897, when the five trustees required by law were elected. These organized and applied to the State for books and 108 books were received and ready for circulation, Sept. 3, 1897. Librarian, S. E. Boyce.

Waitsfield.—No library.

Walden.—The town of Walden voted at its annual meeting in March, 1895, to appropriate the amount required by law, \$25, and to apply for State Aid to start a library. Toward the end of the same year 121 books were received from the State Library Commission, and the Walden Free Public Library was opened. The first year's appropriation was saved till



GILBERT HART LIBRARY, WALLINGFORD.

the second could be added to it. The whole with some small sums subscribed by friends of the enterprise amounted to about \$70, which was expended for 118 books. Twenty-eight books had been given and fourteen loaned, mostly books not new. A catalogue of the 281 books was made by the librarian, arranged alphabetically by authors' names, a letter showing to which of the following ten classes each book belonged: A—Agriculture, rural, etc.; B—Biography, autobiography and memoirs; C—Children's books; F—Fiction; H—History; L—Literature, poetry, essays, etc.; R—Religion; S—Science; T—Travels, voyages and geography; M—Miscellaneous. The sum from the town treasury for 1897 was used to defray expenses of making and printing the catalogue. The appropriation for 1898 is not expended. Walden is a town with a population of less than 800, almost entirely of an agricultural character and widely scattered. The town has no village of importance and no center of population or business. The location of the library was a problem to the trustees and it was finally left at the Town Clerk's office, which is in a farmhouse with no neighbor within a quarter of a mile and not more than four families within a radius of half a mile. Last year 421 books were loaned. The library is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 8 A. M. to 8 P. M. Librarian, George T. Eastman.

Wallingford.—The Gilbert Hart Library. Situated on the southwest corner of the square formed by the four principal streets of Wallingford Village centering at that point, stands the Gilbert Hart Library, a beautiful and attractive building constructed of a combination of rock-faced blue marble and terra cotta buff brick, erected by Capt. Gilbert Hart of Detroit, Mich., a native of Wallingford, and donated by him as a library building for the use of all the inhabitants of the town. The library building and property is under the immediate control of the Gilbert Hart Library Association, a corporation formed for the purpose of assuming charge of the property and managing the affairs of the library. Upon one of the walls of the reading room of the library is a bronze tablet upon which is inscribed the names of the soldiers Wallingford contributed to the Civil War, and the regiment in which each soldier served, forming a suitable and deserving memorial. The library was dedicated on July 25, 1894, by appropriate and interesting exercises, and on August 1, 1894, books commenced to be issued. There had previously been in existence in the village for a number of years a circulating library organization, which had accumulated about 1000 volumes, and upon the formation of the Gilbert Hart Library Association, the old association disbanded and turned over its books to the new organization. These books, with 1000 volumes donated by Capt. Hart, made practically 2000 volumes upon the shelves when the library was opened. Additions have been made from time to time so that the number of bound volumes now is nearly 2500. The yearly circulation averages nearly 9000 volumes. There is a commodious and pleasant reading room which is well supplied with the leading newspapers and magazines of the day. Librarian, May L. Congdon.

Waltham.—No library.

Wardsboro.—No library.

Warren.—No library.

Washington.—The Washington Town Library was opened in 1896, after being organized according to the State Aid law of 1894 and receiving \$100 worth of books through the State Library Commission. It is open every week day from 7 A. M. to 7 P. M. and last year its circulation was 500. Number of books in the library, 103. Librarian, C. H. Johannessen.

Waterbury.—The library is not free but is owned by the Waterbury Public Library Association. It is supported by annual dues of members, book rents, etc., assisted by occasional entertainments and subscriptions. Teachers however are given free use of the library for school work. It is open Saturdays from 4 to 6 P. M. Number of books, 1584. Circulation last year, 1650. The trustees are elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders held in July of each year. Librarian, Jasmine A. Straw.

Waterford.—The Waterford Free Library was started in 1896 with the assistance of the State. On account of the wide reach of the town and its different communities the library has been divided into four different parts and located in as many different places. By this division all parts of the town are reached and the libraries are well patronized. Saturdays are the library days. Librarian, E. W. Brown.

Waterville.—The town voted in March, 1895, to organize a free public library and took the necessary steps to receive State Aid. During the same year \$100 worth of books were received from the State Library Commission.

Weathersfield.—No library.

Wells.—No library.

West Fairlee.—No library.

Westfield.—The Westfield Public Library was established in March, 1896, with aid from the State. It now owns 159 books, 17 being added last year. It is in good condition, well circulated, and maintained by \$15 paid each year by the town and by entertainments gotten up for its benefit. It is open Saturday afternoons. Librarian, Mrs. E. M. Brown.

Westford.—The first step toward organizing a public library in Westford was taken in the March meeting, 1895, when it was voted to accept the provisions of the Act of the State legislature in regard to free public libraries, and a board of trustees was elected. In the summer of 1895 the town hall was remodeled and a room in the basement was fitted up for the use of the library. The books furnished by the State, 117 volumes, were received in the latter part of November, and as soon as the necessary work could be finished the library was opened to the public. In January, 1896, an entertainment was given for the library which netted \$58.02. In 1897 a similar entertainment brought \$30.18. These amounts with the annual appropriation of \$25 from the town and \$15 donated by School No. 3, have been expended in purchasing books. No money has been paid out for care of the library, all necessary work having been done gratuitously by the trustees and persons interested. At present there are 390 volumes in the library consisting mainly of standard fiction, biography,



WESTFORD FREE LIBRARY.



WESTMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

travel, science and books of reference. From March 1, 1897, to January 15, 1898, 2513 volumes were loaned. This number does not include books loaned to schools, the trustees having given the teachers the privilege of taking as many books as desired for school work. Librarians, John E. Allen and L. C. Nichols.

West Haven.—No library.

Westminster.—No library.

Westmore.—In 1896 the Westmore Public Library was established at the lower end of Willoughby Lake. The town appropriated \$15, which was used to provide a book case, cards, etc., with which to care for the State gift of \$100 worth of books. In 1897, besides the annual \$15 from the town, \$24 was raised by school entertainments and gifts from summer guests. This has been spent for books. The library meets with encouragement and aid from all the city people that visit the lake. It is succeeding beyond expectation with the people of the town, as many of them live on farms and have to travel a long distance after their books. There are at present 38 resident borrowers, 786 books were loaned last year and 34 new ones added. Within a few weeks 57 volumes have been presented by Mr. Skinner of New York, making a total of 307. They are kept at the house of Mrs. Mary E. Lyon, who serves as librarian without compensation. The library is open every day and at all hours.

Weston.—Weston Free Library was established March, 1898, by a vote of the town to accept the offer of the State and appropriate \$25. The Weston Library Association also voted to loan their books, nearly 400, to the town library, as long as properly cared for. A reading room will be maintained with the library, by subscription or proceeds of entertainments. The fund for it on hand is over \$22. The trustees hope to make the library so popular that the town will increase the appropriation. Librarian, G. H. Coburn.

West Rutland.—The West Rutland Library, established in 1881 by a gift of 800 volumes from Hon. Redfield Proctor, numbers now about 1200 volumes. It is supported by the town but is managed by an association. Librarian, Anna H. Spencer.

West Windsor.—The West Windsor Free Public Library was opened in 1895, having received the \$100 gift of books from the State. Last year 27 volumes were added and the 160 books in the library had a circulation of 300. Librarian, C. S. Worcester.

Weybridge.—No library.

Wheelock.—In March, 1897, the town voted to establish a free public library and in September received 112 books from the State. There is another library in town called the Wheelock Library Association. They own about 350 books which they have loaned to the Free Library and undoubtedly will sooner or later donate them. Circulation for last year, 420. Librarian, Rev. E. J. Hatch.

Whiting.—No library.

Whitingham.—No library.

Wilder.—See Hartford.

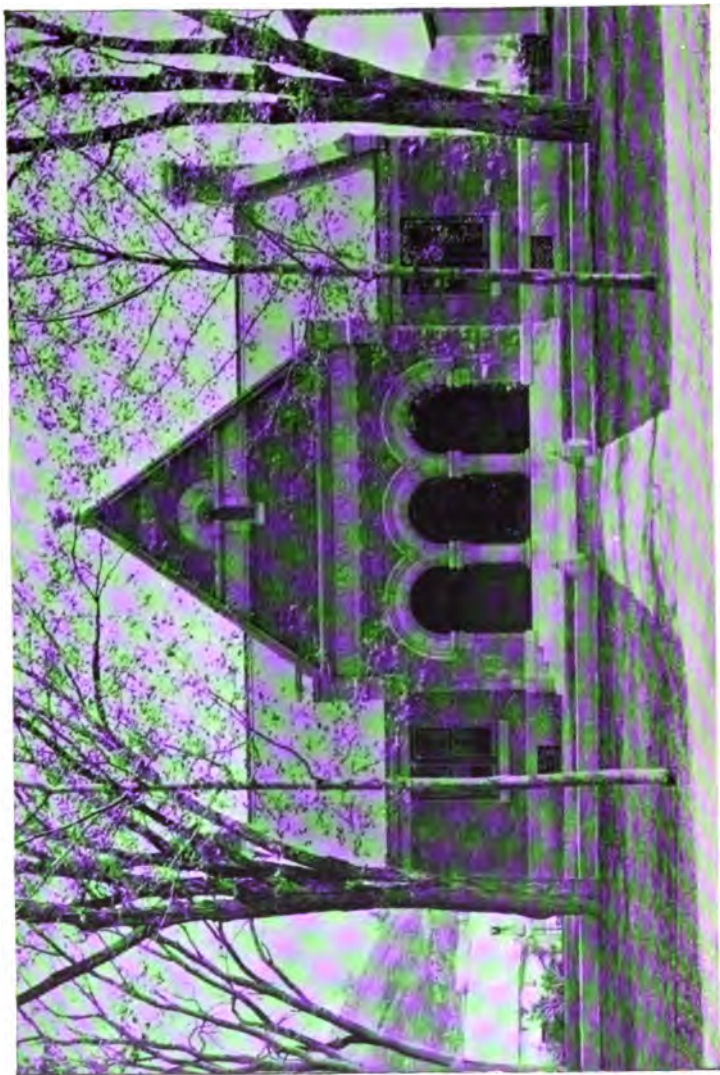
Williamstown.—The Williamstown Social Library was organized nearly one hundred years ago and has held regular meetings quarterly ever since, except one quarterly meeting which had to be omitted on account of a severe storm. There are about eighty shareholders, and each may draw as many books as he wishes each quarter. The reading of books is sold at auction, three cents being the minimum price for any book. The officers receive no pay for their services and the money received all goes to buy new books once a year, except a small sum paid for insurance on the books. The library consists of something like 2500 volumes and from 200 to 300 books are loaned each quarter. The Articles of Agreement, which are the basis of the library, were signed on the 22d day of January, 1801. The original signatures are lost, but in the record of the "quarterly meeting holden by the library society in Williamstown March 12th, 1804," I find the following, which I quote literally: "First, voted to accept of the Book purchased by the Clerk for Records and pay him two dollars and thirty-six Cents for said Book out of the publick stock. Second, voted to transfer the records into the Book purchased for that purpose. Third, voted to give Jared Kimball one dollar and fifty cents to transfer the records into Book bought for that purpose which money is to be paid out of the publick stock. Attest, Jared Kimball, S. Clerk." The "Book" referred to above and into which the names as first written were copied by the first clerk, Jared Kimball, is an 8x13 inch unruled volume, bound in rough leather, and is not only in existence but is still used each quarter to record the proceedings of the meetings. Our constitution, Articles of Agreement, has been revised and some new rules adopted, but in general, the society is the same as when organized in 1801. For more than fifty years, meetings were held at the houses of members or at some convenient hall in the village, but in 1854 rooms were plainly fitted up in the town house for the library, and there have the meetings since been held. In the early days of the library a chest was the place of keeping for the books not drawn, and this chest could be moved about as the place of holding meetings was changed to suit the convenience of the shareholders. Librarian, George E. Wilber.

Williston.—No library.

Wilmington.—The Wilmington Free Library was established in 1895, under the Act of 1894. It contains 500 volumes and is maintained by an annual appropriation from the town of \$50 and by private subscriptions. Librarian, May Farrow.

Windham.—The Windham Library was established in 1895 under the Act of 1894. The State furnished 102 books, the Grange nineteen. The library is maintained by an annual appropriation of \$15 from the town and by the proceeds of entertainments. Librarian, Mrs. M. M. Lamson.

Windsor.—The Windsor Library Association opened its doors for readers June 23, 1883. It consists of 8459 volumes, housed in the former residence of Hon. Hiram Harlow, a brick building which was given to the Association by the will of Mrs. Harlow. The library is endowed by bequests from the Hon. Hiram Harlow and his wife. The estimated value of the property received under these wills is about \$9000 or \$10,000, but



NORMAN WILLIAMS LIBRARY, WOODSTOCK.

a considerable part of it is at present unproductive. The library also receives an appropriation from the town of about \$400 annually. The establishment and success of the library has been largely due to the active interest and assistance of the Hon. Wm. M. Everts and C. C. Beaman, Esq. Mr. Beaman gives books selected by the resident clergymen in Windsor to the value of about \$50 annually. Librarian, Rev. Edward N. Goddard.

Winhall.—No library.

Wolcott.—No library.

Woodbury.—Woodbury Public Library was established in 1895 with aid from the State. Number of books at present, 229. Added last year, 62. Circulation for the year, 755. Librarian, B. H. Daniels.

Woodford.—No library.

Woodstock.—The Norman Williams Public Library at Woodstock, was erected in 1883-4, and endowed as a perpetual memorial of his father and mother by Dr. Edward H. Williams of Philadelphia, and named in honor of them. The principal building materials employed are native to the State of Vermont; the walls are red Burlington stone, trimmings are gray Barre granite and gray Isle La Motte limestone. The plan of the building is simple, the general outline being T shaped, with entrance in center of the head of the letter, through an arcade which encloses a recessed porch. This porch has walls of finely cut Isle La Motte stone, marbled-tiled floor, and a heavily panelled wooden ceiling. The reading room is 18x27, and 13½ feet high; reference room and librarian's office each 18x13½, and same height as reading room; book room 54½x24½, walls of this room lined to the height of eight feet with variegated Vermont marbles polished. All the interior work is Georgia pine, finished to show its natural warm color. The windows are glazed with plate glass, with outside winter sashes. The building is heated by steam and lighted by gas, the fixtures are in old gold color, very massive, of antique form from special designs. It has been open eleven years, and there are now nearly 10,000 volumes. Librarian, Mrs. O. B. Jaquith.

Worcester.—No library.

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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

The Board of Library Commissioners herewith submits its third biennial report. The laws of the State relative to public libraries, taken from "Vermont Statutes, 1894," and "Acts of 1896 and 1898," are as follows:

Chapter 48.

ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION 875. The governor shall appoint five persons, resident of the state, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof. One member of said board shall be appointed for the term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and thereafter the term of office of the commissioners shall be five years. All vacancies on said board, whether occurring by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled by the governor.

SEC. 876. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection of books, the cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library; and the board shall give such advice in regard to said matters as it shall find practicable. The board shall make a report of its doings biennially to the general assembly.

SEC. 877. Said board shall expend, upon the application of the board of library trustees of any town having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for any such town entitled to the benefits of this section; such books shall be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and

said commissioners shall select and purchase all books so provided.

SEC. 878. Any town which has voted to instruct its library trustees to make an application to the state board of library commissioners under the preceding section shall annually appropriate for the maintenance of its free public library a sum not less than fifty dollars, if its grand list is ten thousand dollars or upward, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars, if its grand list is less than ten thousand dollars and not less than twenty-five hundred dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars, if its grand list is less than twenty-five hundred dollars.

SEC. 879. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of the two preceding sections until such town has elected a board of library trustees and voted to instruct such board to make an application to the state board of library commissioners, and until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the state board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this chapter. The provisions of sections eight hundred and eighty-nine, eight hundred and ninety and eight hundred and ninety-one, [§§ 889, 890 and 891] shall apply to the election of boards of library trustees under this section and to said trustees when so elected.

SEC. 880. Whenever any town shall have accepted the conditions prescribed by the preceding sections of this chapter the state board of library commissioners shall so certify to the state auditor and he shall draw an order upon the treasurer payable to said commissioners for one hundred dollars to be expended in the purchase of books as provided in this chapter.

SEC. 881. No member of the state board of library commissioners shall receive any compensation, but the board may expend a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars annually for necessary expenses in the discharge of its duties, including all expenses for the transportation of books; and all sums lawfully expended by said board under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid from the state treasury.

SEC. 882. The state board of library commissioners shall have the power to make such rules for their own government, and for the care of the libraries which may be furnished by the state, as they may deem expedient, and not inconsistent with the laws of this state.

INCORPORATION OF LIBRARIES.

SEC. 883. Whenever property, real or personal, has heretofore been or shall hereafter be devised or bequeathed by last will and testament, or granted, conveyed or donated by deed or other instrument, to trustees to be applied by them to the foundation and establishment in any of the cities, villages and towns of this state of a free public library, it shall be lawful, when not otherwise provided in said will or other instrument of gift, for the acting trustees in any such case, in order to promote the better establishment, maintenance and management of such library, to cause to be formed a corporation under the provisions of the three following sections, with the rights, powers and privileges hereinafter provided.

SEC. 884. Such acting trustees may make, sign and acknowledge before any officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds in this State, and file in the office of the secretary of state, a statement in writing, in which shall be set forth the intent of such trustees to form a corporation under this chapter, a copy of the will or other instrument by which endowment of said library has been provided; the name adopted for the proposed corporation (which shall not be the name of any other corporation already existing); the city, village or town in which the library, and the principal place of business of the corporation will be located; the number of managers who may be denominated trustees, managers or directors of the corporation; and the names of the trustees, managers or directors who are to constitute the original board of such officers, and who shall hold until their successors respectively are elected and qualified, as in this chapter provided.

SEC. 885. Upon the filing in his office of such statement as aforesaid the secretary of state shall issue to the incorporators, under his hand and the seal of state, a certificate, of which the aforesaid statement shall be a part, declaring that the organization of the corporation is perfected. The incorporators shall thereupon cause such certificate to be recorded in a proper record book for the purpose, in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the said library is to be located; and thereupon the corporation shall be deemed fully organized and may proceed to carry out its corporate purposes, and may receive by conveyance, from the trustees under said will, deed or other

instrument of donation, the property provided by will or otherwise as aforesaid for the endowment of said library and may hold the same in whatever form it may have been received or conveyed by said trustees until such form shall be changed by the action of the said corporation.

SEC. 886. Organizations formed under the two preceding sections shall be bodies corporate and politic, to be known under the names stated in the respective certificates or articles of incorporation; and by such corporate names they shall have and possess the ordinary rights and incidents of corporations, and shall be capable of taking, holding and disposing of real and personal estate for all purposes of their organization. The provisions of any will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is given to said library and accepted by said trustees, managers or directors shall, as to such endowment, be a part of the organic and fundamental law of such corporation.

The trustees, managers or directors of any such corporation shall compose its members, and shall not be less than five nor more than nine in number; shall elect the officers of the corporation from their number; and shall have control and management of its affairs and property; may accept donations, and in their discretion hold the same in the form in which they are given, for all purposes of science, literature and art germane to the object and purpose of said corporation. They may fill by election, subject to the approval of the chief justice for the time being, of the supreme court of Vermont, vacancies, occurring in their own number by death, incapacity, retirement or otherwise, and may make lawful by-laws for the management of the corporation and of the library, which by-laws shall set forth what officers there shall be of the corporation, and shall define and prescribe their respective duties. They may appoint and employ from time to time such agents and employes as they may deem necessary for the efficient administration and conduct of the library and other affairs of the corporation. Whenever any trustee, manager or director shall be elected to fill any vacancy, a certificate under the seal of the corporation, giving the name of the person elected, shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk where the articles of incorporation are recorded.

Whenever, by the provisions of such will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is created, the institution

endowed is declared to be and is free and public, the library and other property of such corporation shall be forever exempt from taxation.

The trustees, managers or directors of such corporation shall, in the month of January in each year, cause to be made a report to the governor of the state, for the year ending on the 31st day of December, preceding, of the condition of the library and of the funds and other property of the corporation showing the assets and investments of such corporation in detail.

TOWN LIBRARIES.

SEC. 887. Towns may establish and maintain public libraries therein, with or without branches, for the use of the inhabitants thereof.

SEC. 888. Towns, cities and incorporated villages may appropriate for suitable buildings or rooms, and for the foundation of such library, a sum not exceeding three dollars for each of the ratable polls in such town, city, or incorporated village in the preceding year; and may also appropriate annually for the maintenance, care and increase thereof, such sum of money as said town, city, or incorporated village may vote at its annual meeting; and may receive, hold and manage any devise, bequest or gift for a public library.

SEC. 889. A town which has established, or shall hereafter establish a public library, may elect at its annual meeting a board of five trustees, who shall have full power to manage such public library, and to receive, control and manage any property which shall come into the hands of said town by gift, purchase, or bequest, for the use and benefit of such library.

SEC. 890. At the meeting when these trustees are first chosen, they shall be elected for the following terms: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, or until their respective successors are chosen. Their successors shall be elected for the term of five years, but a person chosen to fill a vacancy caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall serve only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SEC. 891. The trustees shall make a report to the annual town meeting of the condition of the library and of the manage-

ment and expenditures of such moneys as have come into their hands.

SEC. 892. Moneys raised for a library shall be paid out by an agent to be appointed by the selectmen, except in towns electing library trustees.

SEC. 893. Any two library associations in the same town, formed under the general law or by a special act, may, by a majority vote of the stock of each of said associations at meetings thereof warned for that purpose, unite with each other and assume the corporate name of either of said associations.

LIBRARIES ENTITLED TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.

SEC. 894. When a town has established a public library, said town may at any annual meeting vote to place in such library a copy of such documents and volumes heretofore received by said town for it or its town clerk's office, as it shall designate, and also a copy of such documents and volumes hereafter to be received from the state, except the Vermont reports and other books and documents provided by law to be kept in the town clerk's office, as it shall designate; the ownership of such books to continue in the town but their use to be enjoyed by the library till said town shall otherwise vote.

SEC. 895. The state librarian is directed to deliver to any town public library that shall have been voted by its town the use of books owned as above by the town, such duplicate documents and volumes published or provided by the state, as can in the judgment of the trustees of the state library be delivered without prejudice to the state library. Said books to be delivered on application stating what books have already been received from the town, and the property in said books to remain in the state but their use to be in the public library to which they shall be delivered until the state librarian shall be directed by law to demand their return to the state library.

SEC. 896. When a public library exists in a town and is not established by it, said town may at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote make the provisions named in the second preceding section in respect to use by the library of books therein named owned by the town; and in case of such vote the provisions of the preceding section shall apply to such library the same as if it were established and maintained by the town.



GOODRICH MEMORIAL LIBRARY, NEWPORT, VT.

SEC. 897. The clerk of each town, village and city in this state shall each year supply any library in the town or city in which he lives with two copies of the annual reports (if printed) of his town, village or city; and shall also send to the state library for its use two copies of the same. Said copies shall be so delivered by the clerk within two weeks after receipt of such printed reports by him. And officers making such printed reports are hereby directed to supply the town, village or city clerk with the four copies necessary for him to comply with the provisions of this section.

Chapter 142.

CITIES AND VILLAGES.

SEC. 3138. Villages shall have the same power as towns, to establish and maintain public libraries for the use of the inhabitants therein.

Chapter 228.

COUNTY JAILS.

SEC. 5301. Jailers shall receive books given by christian churches and benevolent individuals in their respective counties, for a library for persons confined in jail. The jailers shall enter the names of the donors in a book of record, with the titles of the books, which shall be opened to the inspection of all persons. The jailer shall be librarian and shall keep safely the books in the library and distribute them to persons confined in jail, and exchange the same from time to time. But he shall not deliver books to a person who in his opinion will destroy or misuse them.

ACTS OF 1898.

No. 13.—AN ACT IN ADDITION TO SUBDIVISION VII OF SECTION 362, VERMONT STATUTES, EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION PROPERTY USED FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CIRCULATING LIBRARIES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

SECTION 1. Subdivision VII of section 362, Vermont Statutes, is amended so as to read as follows:

VII. Real and personal estate granted, sequestered, or used for public, pious or charitable uses; real and personal estate used for the purposes of a public or private circulating library open to the public and not used for profit; lands leased by towns for educational purposes, and lands owned or leased by colleges,

academies, or other public schools, or leased for the support of the gospel; but private buildings on such lands, and farms owned or used by towns in the support of the poor, shall be set in the list to the owners thereof, and shall not be exempt.

Approved November 22, 1898.

NO. 34.—AN ACT IN ADDITION TO SECTION 887, VERMONT STATUTES, AUTHORIZING TOWNS TO CONTRACT WITH INCORPORATED LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE FREE USE OF BOOKS AND TO VOTE MONEY FOR THE SUPPORT OF LIBRARIES HELD IN TRUST FOR SUCH TOWNS.

SECTION 1. Section 887, Vermont Statutes, is amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 887. Towns and cities may establish and maintain public libraries therein, with or without branches, for the use of the inhabitants thereof. Any town or city may annually contract with any library or library association incorporated under the general law or by special charter to furnish books to its inhabitants free, and may appropriate money therefor; and any town or city may annually appropriate money for the maintenance, care, increase and support of any library held in trust for said town or city or the inhabitants thereof.

Approved November 26, 1898.

DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION.

No. 1.

STATE OF VERMONT.

STATE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

BURLINGTON, VT., Feb. 1, 1897.

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At the session of 1894 the General Assembly passed "An Act to promote the Establishment of Free Public Libraries," which is printed in full on another page. To assist in carrying out its provisions the undersigned Commissioners were appointed by the Governor.

During the two years since the law was enacted, sixty towns, representing every county in the State, have taken favorable action upon this matter, made the required appropriation and have received through the Commissioners the books provided by the State.

The list of books furnished the different towns were not duplicates but each list was made up by the Commissioners, with careful reference to the situation and needs of that individual town, the books already available for its use and the expressed wishes of its trustees. For this reason the number of books was not the same for all of the towns, but varied from 90 to 143.

In these towns, with the State appropriation as a nucleus, very creditable libraries have been established and are in successful operation, and the earnestness and enthusiasm in the matter everywhere manifested give great promise of their future usefulness. Many of these town libraries have been increased by gifts of books from individuals and organizations of various kinds, and in some instances liberal endowments in money have been made by persons of wealth, who saw in the public library a most useful and far-reaching channel for their benevolence.

The operation of the law during the first two years of its existence, so far as can be now judged, has been eminently successful, by setting in motion influences most potent for the social, intellectual and moral advancement of the people.

This circular is intended to direct the attention of citizens to the act referred to, that those interested in such matters may be prepared to take advantage of its provisions whenever the general interest in the establishment of a free public library in any town seems to warrant such action.

It should be understood that the amount appropriated by the State is intended to serve only as a stimulus to the formation of free public libraries, and will in itself accomplish very little if not supplemented by contributions from other sources, and the zealous interest and attention of those who, like Ben Franklin, "propose to render the benefit from books more common." The Commissioners therefore appeal to you to bring the matter of the establishment of a free public library in your town before the citizens by informal or public meetings, and to stimulate them to secure funds for the purpose by entertainments and social gatherings, or by soliciting subscriptions of money and donations of books from persons who are interested in the intellectual welfare or material prosperity of the town.

To take advantage of the act the following articles should be inserted in the warning for the coming town meeting:

1. To see if the town will elect a board of library trustees and instruct such board to make an application to the State Board of Library Commissioners under Act No. 37, Acts of 1894.

2. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the maintenance of a free public library.

In Sec. 4 of the act printed below it will be noticed that reference is made to No. 3, Acts of 1892. The reference should doubtless be No. 53, Acts of 1892; and the Commissioners suggest that the board of library trustees be elected in accordance with the provisions of No. 53, and be, as therein set forth, five in number and elected when first chosen, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years.

The Board invite correspondence, and are desirous of rendering any assistance possible toward the formation and effective management of free public libraries.

When trustees have been elected by any town they will receive, on communication with the secretary of the Board, blanks and instructions enabling them to secure the benefits of the act.

S. W. LANDON, *Chairman*, Burlington,
H. E. RUSTEDT, *Richford*,
FRED A. HOWLAND, *Montpelier*,
Miss MARY L. TITCOMB, *Secretary*, Rutland,
Miss LOUISE L. BARTLETT, *St. Johnsbury*,
State Board of Library Commissioners.

[Followed by text of "An Act to promote the establishment of free public libraries."]

No. 2.

To be attached to the
Application of the Trustees.

STATE OF VERMONT.

CERTIFICATE OF TOWN CLERK.

.....Vt.,.....189

To the Board of Library Commissioners:

I,.....Town Clerk of....., Vermont,
hereby certify that at the annual town meeting of said town

held on the first Tuesday of March, 189 , the following named persons were elected a board of library trustees for the terms specified:

(Name.)

(Term for which elected.)

.....

That at said March meeting the town voted to instruct such board to make application to the State Board of Library Commissioners under Act No. 37 of the Acts of 1894:

That at said meeting the town further voted an appropriation for the maintenance of its free public library in the sum of.....dollars; and that the grand list of said town when said vote was taken was.....

I further certify that the town of has no free public library owned or controlled thereby, and that the action hereinbefore set forth was taken pursuant to the following articles inserted in the warning for said town meeting:

Town Clerk of....., Vermont.

No. 3.

(Attach to this the certificate of the Town Clerk.)

STATE OF VERMONT.

APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

....., VT.,.....189

To the Board of Library Commissioners:

The Library Trustees of the town of....., Vermont, elected as specified in the attached certificate of the Town Clerk, hereby make application, under the provisions of Act 37 of the Acts of 1894, for the appropriation of \$100 therein made by the State.

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Chairman Board of Trustees.

No. 4.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

To the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees:

....., Vermont.

DEAR SIR:

Section 4 of No. 37 of the Acts of 1894, entitled, "An act to promote the establishment of free public libraries," reads in part as follows:

"No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has elected a board of library trustees and *until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the State Board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act.*"

In view of the obligation thus resting upon the State Board of Library Commissioners, you are requested to make answer to the following questions:

1. What provision has been made for a library room and where is it located?

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2. Who is to be the librarian, if determined, and what, if any, compensation is to be paid?

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3. What days and hours is the library to be kept open for the loan and return of books?

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4. Are any books already available or soon to be turned over to the town as a part of the free public library? If so, please furnish the secretary of the State Board with a complete list of such books, that they may not be duplicated.

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5. Is there any library already established in the town? If so, please state the approximate number of books in it, its condition, and in a general way the terms upon which books are loaned.

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6. By what name is your library to be known?

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It is suggested that you keep a book, containing a record of all books furnished by the State, and enter in this book a record of each volume added to the library from whatever source.

While it is the duty of the State Board to eventually decide upon the books to be furnished each town, they would nevertheless be pleased to receive voluntary suggestions from the trustees in each town as to the character of books preferred, or even to receive lists of books considered desirable if any trustees wish to submit them. Since, however, the responsibility for the selection to be made rests upon the State Board alone they cannot promise to follow suggestions made by trustees further than their judgment approves.

The Secretary of the State Board is prepared to furnish library cards and book slips suited to your library at the cost of procuring them.

Respectfully,

MARY L. TITCOMB, *Secretary*,
 Rutland, Vt.

....., 189

No. 5.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

Suggestions to the Librarian of the Small Library:

The methods which are found useful, and even necessary, in libraries of several thousand, or even one thousand volumes, will generally prove too complicated for the library starting with a smaller number.

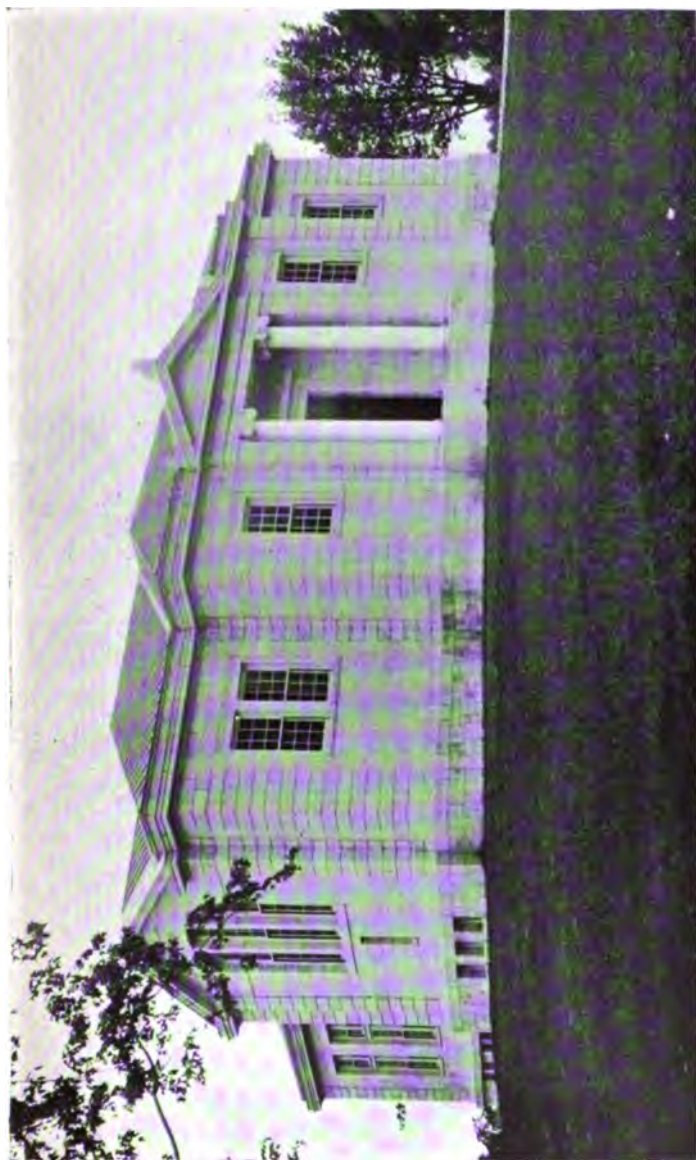
Common sense, and a conscientious desire to promote the usefulness of the library, will, in most cases, guide the librarian into formulating the rules best for each individual community.

It should be remembered in this connection that after all, the personal equation is the largest factor in the success of any library. Enthusiasm in the work and a belief in it as a powerful aid to the advancement of the town; in brief, the true librarian's spirit, which must before all things be the missionary spirit, will do more to make the library a power for good than any code of rules.

SUPPLIES.—Broadly speaking there are only three things absolutely necessary for the smallest library, viz.: an accession-book, a register and a borrower's card. If you can afford it, add book-plates, a dating stamp and book labels. The State Library Commission is prepared to furnish the borrower's card, register and dating stamp at the cost of preparation, or they may be procured from the Library Bureau, 530 Atlantic Avenue, Boston. An accession-book and shelf-list will be furnished with the books sent by the State.

ORDERING AND ENTERING BOOKS.—And first, it is better to buy a few books at a time than to wait until a large order can be sent in. A small number of new books put in circulation three or four times a year will hold the interest of the people better than a larger number shelved once a year. If not near a large town, it is best to order from some large firm in Boston or New York, who will give you from 30 to 33 per cent. discount. W. B. Clarke & Co. and Charles E. Lauriat Co., of Boston, are reliable firms. If, however, you are near some large local dealer, like H. J. Shanley & Co., Burlington, advantageous terms may be made with him and the cost of transportation lessened. The first step when the books arrive, is to go through the box and compare the bill with the books, checking on the bill every item that is correct. It is also well to examine each book carefully to find if it is a perfect copy.

If you have a book-plate it should be pasted inside the first cover. Ordinary flour paste with a little alum and a few drops of oil of cloves is good, and will keep for several weeks if tightly sealed. The following is a simple form of book-plate:



EGBERT STARR LIBRARY, MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE, MIDDLEBURY, VT.



GUILFORD FREE LIBRARY.

THE.....PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ACCESSION No.....CLASS.....

Next comes the entry of books in the accession-book thus:

| Accession No. 21 | Class. F | Vol. 1 | Author. Harrison, C. C. | Title. A bachelor maid. | Place and Publisher. N. Y. Century. |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | | | | | |

| Date. 1894. | Pages. 28. | Size. D. | Binding. Cloth. | Source. W. B. Clarke & Co. | Cost. .67 | Remarks. Lost by J. Brown, paid for March 10, '95. |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--|
| | | | | | | |

It will be seen that if this is accurately kept it constitutes a complete list of books in the library. If a book is lost or worn out an exact copy may be replaced by reference to it before ordering. In case of fire the accession-book will give the exact value of every volume lost.

CLASSIFICATION.—It is well to adopt some simple form of classification. There are various systems, all good, but a library of over five hundred volumes cannot go wrong by adopting the Dewey system, which is largely used. For the smaller library the following is a simple method. This and the charging system are recommended by Miss Hewins of the Connecticut Public Library Committee.

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| A. Arts and Amusements. | R. Reference. |
| B. Biography. | S. Science. |
| C. Children's Books. | T. Theology—Education and |
| F. Fiction. | Sociology. |
| H. History. | V. Voyages and Travels. |
| L. Literature—Essays, Poetry, Drama and Magazines. | |

The class letter, besides being written on the book-plate, should be placed on a label (Dennison's No. 209 is a good size) and pasted on the back of the book. Books should be charged under the accession number, but should be kept on the shelf under the author's name. That is, keep all books by one author

together. When you get a new one, make room for it. The following is an example of shelf arrangement:

BARR.—Between two loves.

A border shepherdess.

Paul and Christina.

BARRIE.—The little minister.

A window in Thrums.

BLACK.—A daughter of Heth.

CRAWFORD.—The Ralstons.

A Roman singer.

Arrange the biography alphabetically by subjects.

REGISTERING NAMES.—The register consists of a blank book. At the top of each page is written or printed, "I promise to obey the rules of the ——— library," and each line drawn down the page is numbered. Have the applicant for the book sign his name and address under the pledge. The number at the left of the line will then be used as his card number. Do not require any age limit for your readers. After registering, provide each reader with a card similar to this:

THE.....PUBLIC LIBRARY.

NAME..... No.....

| LOANED. | BOOK. | RETURNED. | LOANED. | BOOK. | RETURNED. |
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On the reverse side rules similar to the following should be printed. At the top of the card.

The Library is open.....from.....to.....

1. This card gives the owner a right to take out one book. It must always be presented when a book is borrowed, returned or renewed.

2. If this card is lost, two cents must be paid for a new one.

3. If the place of residence of the owner is changed notice must be sent to the Library. This card must be returned if the owner moves out of town.

4. Books can be kept fourteen days, unless otherwise specified, and may be renewed once if not in demand.

5. A fine of one cent a day and cost of recovery must be paid for books kept over time.

6. The owner of a card is responsible for all books and fines charged against him. All books lost or injured must be paid for.

7. Any person intentionally breaking the rules of the Library may be deprived of its use at the discretion of the Trustees.

8. A person who wilfully and maliciously writes upon or injures a book, plate, picture, engraving or statue belonging to a law, town or public library, shall be fined not less than five dollars and not more than one thousand dollars.—*Extract from Revised Laws of Vt., Chap. 165, Sec. 4216.*

CHARGING BOOKS.—There are various charging systems, but a simple way is for the librarian to cut out from manila paper a number of slips of convenient size, say six inches high and eight wide. These slips should be ruled on both sides, across the page in blue and down in red, the red lines being half an inch apart. Leave a half-inch space at the top of the page, and write the reader's name and card number on the first line. When a book is drawn stamp the date upon the slip, then write either the accession number or the title of the book. Below is a specimen of three lines of the slip:

| RICE, WILLIAM A. | | | | | | 53. | |
|------------------|-----|------|--|--|--|-----|--|
| J 4 | 506 | J 18 | | | | | |
| J 18 | 217 | J 26 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

The borrower's card should then be stamped with the date in the space marked "Loaned," and the accession number placed in the space marked "Book."

When the day's work is done, sort the slips, arranging them in order of the borrower's names and put them together in a box of suitable size, headed by a slip marked with the date. Upon the return of the book, look at the borrower's card, note there the date when loaned and the borrower's name. Then from your slips remove the one with the corresponding name and stamp the date of return upon it and also on the borrower's card. If you do not use a stamp the date may be written.

SHELF LIST.—For the purposes of a small catalogue and for the sake of making the work a little more systematic, it is advisable to keep a shelf list. Write it on one side, either of half sheets of common writing paper, or on pages ruled for the purpose, and keep them carefully arranged in large manila envelopes. The form of entry is like this:

| Accession No. | Class F. | |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 50 | Harrison, C. C. | The Angliomania. |
| 225 | | A bachelor maid. |
| 65 | | Bar Harbor days. |
| 82 | Hawthorne, N. | The Blithedale romance. |

Leave spaces between the entries for books to be added in the future. Once a year check all the books on the shelf by this list. Then look over your charging list and find whether any books are missing.

SIMPLER METHODS FOR SMALLEST LIBRARIES.

Libraries in the smaller towns wishing to start without at first undertaking any system of classification may prefer to adopt even more simple methods than above stated.

In such cases their special needs may be confined to three well-bound blank books. The first one is to be used as a register, the second as an accession book and the third a record book for recording the loan and return of books.

On each line of the record book the following four entries should be made when a book is loaned:

| Date of Loaning. | Borrower's Name. | Name, or Accession Number of Book. | Date of Returning. |
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| | | | |

If there are exactly twenty-five lines on each page of the book, the circulation of the library for any given time may easily be ascertained.

The register and accession book have been fully described in preceding paragraphs. Under these circumstances the accession book, besides its original purpose, serves as a catalogue to

the library and a shelf list, as the books are placed on the shelves according to their accession numbers.

The accession number should be written plainly in ink on a label on the back of each book, and also on the back side of the title page. This guards against the loss of the number in case the label is injured or the book rebound.

Do all in your power to make the library useful. Form the habit of noting the taste of each reader and see that he is supplied with everything the library contains on his specialty. Do not make the mistake of thinking that children are of no consequence. If there is any preference let it be shown to them. Begin when your library opens and collect all printed matter of local interest, no matter how unimportant it seems at the time. Everything of the kind helps to make the history of your place. On the other hand do not be afraid to refuse worthless, though well-intentioned gifts. If you have not much space, it is better to have nothing on your shelves that is not of actual use. Do not, however, class under this head files of magazines, bound or unbound. You will find them one of the best tools for a working library, especially when you can afford a copy of Poole's Index and Supplements, which will unlock their treasures to you. The foregoing suggestions are intended only for the smallest libraries. If your library is so fortunate as to grow to such dimensions that a more complex administration is necessary, if possible, go to some library training class, like Mr. W. I. Fletcher's July Summer School, at Amherst, Mass., or the Summer Session of the Library School at Albany, N. Y., but if this is not possible, read carefully Miss M. W. Plummer's "Hints to Small Libraries," to be obtained of any bookseller at a cost of twenty-five cents.

Study well-made catalogues until you get an insight into cataloguing. Get also, through the U. S. Bureau of Education, the "A. L. A." Catalogue, and Cutter's Rules for a Dictionary Catalogue, both government publications, which will help you greatly. Do not, however, make the too common mistake of small libraries, and spend money that could be used to better advantage, on a printed catalogue. If your library grows, in a few years you will find this quite useless. Use the columns of the local paper, if there is one, if not, written lists on various topics, posted in the library are a help. On the other hand, the card catalogue cannot be commenced too soon. Take and read diligently the Library Journal, and lose no opportunity of

visiting larger libraries or of putting yourself in communication with other librarians, whom you will find universally willing to give you the benefit of their experience. The State Library Commission also hold themselves ready to answer any questions, or give any aid and instruction in their power.

You will also find it greatly to your advantage to join the American Library Association. An explanation of the aim and scope of this organization may be had upon application to

MISS MARY L. TITCOMB,
Secretary Vermont Library Commission.

Rutland, Vt.

LIST OF AIDS FOR LIBRARY WORK.

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| Library journal, (monthly) 59 Duane St., New York, - | \$5.00 |
| Public libraries, (monthly) Library Bureau, 215 Madison St., Chicago, Ill., - - - - - | 1.00 |
| Hints to small libraries. M. W. Plummer. Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, - - - - - | .25 |
| Library primer. J. C. Dana. Library (Bureau pub.). | 1.00 |
| Public libraries in America. W. I. Fletcher. Roberts, Boston, - - - - - | 1.00 |
| A. L. A. Subject headings for use in dictionary catalogues. Library Bureau, 530 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, - - - - - | 2.00 |
| Library Bureau, Catalog, Library Bureau, Boston, - | Free |
| American Library Association, Catalogue of A. L. A. Library; 5000 vols. for a popular library, shown at the World's Columbian Exposition. U. S. Bureau of Education, Washington, - - - | Free |
| List of books for girls and women and their clubs, (in six parts.) Library Bureau, Boston; pap. - | .50 |
| Annual literary index, including American and English essays, book chapters, special bibliographies, and necrology of authors. Edited by W. I. Fletcher and R. R. Bowker, 59 Duane St., New York, - - - - - | 3.50 |

BOOKS RECOMMENDED TO VERMONT LIBRARIES BY THE VERMONT
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

1899.

The prices given below are the publishers' list prices. A discount of one-third should be obtained by libraries.

ARTS AND AMUSEMENTS.

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| BAILEY, L. H. Garden making. (Garden-craft series.) Macmillan, \$1. |
| CLEMENT, MRS. C. E. (Mrs. Waters.) Angels in art. Page, \$2. |
| EMERY, M. S. How to enjoy pictures. Prang, \$1.50. |
| GROVER, F. Practical treatise on modern gas and oil engines. Spon, \$2. |
| HENDERSON, W. J. What is good music? Scribner, \$1, <i>net</i> . |
| HURLL, E. M. Life of our Lord in art. Houghton, \$2. |
| PARLOA, MARIA. Home economics. Century, \$1.50. |
| PICTURE taking and picture making. Eastman Kodak Co., \$1.12, <i>net</i> . |
| REXFORD, E. E. Flowers, how to grow them. Penn, 50c. |

WARMAN, CY. Story of the railroad. (Story of the West series.) Appleton, \$1.50.

WHITE, MARY. Book of games with directions how to play them. Scribner, \$1.

BIOGRAPHY.

ABBOTT, LYMAN. Life and letters of Paul the apostle. Houghton, \$1.50.

BROOKS, E. S. True story of Benjamin Franklin. Lothrop, \$1.50.

BROWNING, ROBERT and BARRETT, E. B. Letters, 1845—1846. 2v. Harper, \$5.

BRYCE, JAMES. William Ewart Gladstone. Century, \$1.

COLLINGWOOD, S. D. Life and letters of Lewis Carroll. Century, \$2.50.

DANA, C. A. Recollections of the Civil war. Appleton, \$2.

DOLE, N. H. Joseph Jefferson at home. Estes, \$1.50.

FIELD, EUGENE. The Eugene Field book, ed. by M. E. Burt and M. B. Cable; introduction by G. W. Cable. Scribner, 60c.

FORBES, ARCHIBALD. Life of Napoleon III. Dodd, \$3.50.

GILMORE, J. R. Personal recollections of Abraham Lincoln and the Civil war. Page, \$3.

HIGGINSON, T. W. Cheerful yesterdays. Houghton, \$2.

HUTTON, LAWRENCE. A boy I knew and Four dogs. Harper, \$1.25.

LEE, SIDNEY. Life of William Shakespeare. Macmillan, \$1.75.

ROGERS, ARTHUR. Men and movements in the English church. Longmans, \$1.50.

SHERWOOD, MRS. M. E. W. Here, there and everywhere. Stone, \$2.50.

SMITH, G. A. Life of Henry Drummond. Doubleday, \$3.

SMITH, MUNROE. Bismarck and German unity. Macmillan, \$1.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

ALLEN, W. B. Navy blue; story of cadet life at Annapolis. Dutton, \$1.50.

BARNES, JAMES. Hero of Erie. (Oliver Hazard Perry.) Appleton, \$1. Yankee ships and Yankee sailors. Macmillan, \$1.50.

BLANCHARD, AMY. Girl of '76. Wilde, \$1.50.

BROOKS, DOROTHY. Stories of the Red children. Ed. Pub. Co., 40c.

BROOKS, E. S. Master of the strong hearts; story of Custer's last rally. Dutton, \$1.50.

CARR, A. S. Little colonial dame; a story of old Manhattan. Stokes, \$1.50.

CHAMPNEY, E. W. Witch Winnie in Spain. Dodd, \$1.50.

CHASE, A. and CLOW, E. Stories of industry. 2v. Ed. Pub. Co., \$1.60.

DELAND, ELLEN. Katrina. Wilde, \$1.50.

DOUGLAS, A. M. Little girl in old Boston. Dodd, \$1.50.

DRAPER, A. S. The rescue of Cuba. Silver, Burdett & Co., \$1.

HENTY, G. A. At Aboukir and Acre; story of Napoleon's invasion of Egypt. Scribner, \$1.50.

Both sides the border; a tale of Hotspur and Glendower. Scribner, \$1.50.

Under Wellington's command; a tale of the Peninsular war. Scribner, \$1.50.



SPRINGFIELD TOWN LIBRARY, SPRINGFIELD, VT.

- HOLDEN, E. S. Our country's flag and the flags of foreign countries. Appleton, \$1.50.
- KALER, J. O. (*pseud.* James Otis). Boys of '98. Estes, \$1.50.
With Warren at Bunker Hill. (Continental series.) Burt, \$1.50.
When Israel Putnam served the king. (Stories of American history.) Estes, 75c.
- KELLEY, J. G. Boy mineral collectors. Lippincott, \$1.50.
- KEYSOR, J. E. Sketches of American authors. 2v. Ed. Pub. Co., \$1.20.
- KIRK, E. O. Dorothy Deane. Houghton, \$1.25.
- LANG, ANDREW, *ed.* Arabian nights. Longmans, \$2.
- LEONARD, M. F. Story of the big front door. Crowell, \$1.25.
- LOTHROP, MRS. H. M. Little maid of Concord town. Lothrop, \$1.50.
- MARSHALL, MRS. E. M. Under the dome of St. Paul's. Macmillan, \$1.50.
- MUNROE, KIRK. In pirate waters. Scribner, \$1.25.
- OLLIVANT, ALFRED. Bob, son of battle. Doubleday, \$1.25.
- PIERSON, C. D. Among the forest people. Dutton, \$1.25.
- PYLE, KATHARINE. The counterpalne fairy. Dutton, \$1.25.
- RICHARDS, L. E. Roslin the beau; sequel to Melody. Estes, 50c.
- ROBINSON, R. E. A hero of Ticonderoga. Shanley, 75c.
- ROSS, CLINTON. Heroes of our war with Spain. Stokes, \$1.50.
- STABLES, GORDON. Off to the Klondike. Crowell, \$1.25.
- STODDARD, W. O. With the Black Prince. Appleton, \$1.50.
- TOMLINSON, E. T. Two young patriots. (War of the Revolution series.) Wilde, \$1.50.
Boys of old Monmouth. Houghton, \$1.50.

FICTION.

- BLACK, WILLIAM. Wild Eelin. Harper, \$1.75.
- BRADY, C. F. For love of country. Scribner, \$1.25.
- BROWN, ALICE. Tiverton tales. Houghton, \$1.25.
- BURNHAM, MRS. C. L. A great love. Houghton, \$1.25.
- CABLE, G. W. Strong hearts. Scribner, \$1.25.
- CASTLE, AGNES and EGERTON. Pride of Jennico. Macmillan, \$1.50.
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 WEYMAN, S. J. The Castle Inn.
 WILKINS, M. E. Jane Field.

HISTORY.

- ABBOTT, W. J. History of the navy of the U. S.
 BOURINOT, Sir J. Canada. (Story of the nations.)
 EGGLESTON, E. Beginnings of New England.
 ROBINSON, R. E. Vermont. (Amer. commonwealths.)

LITERATURE.

- DORR, J. C. R. Poems.
 FOSS, S. W. Songs of war and peace.
 MITCHELL, D. G. American lands and letters. 1v.
 SOUVESTRE, E. Attic philosopher in Paris.
 STEDMAN, E. C. Victorian anthology.

SCIENCE.

- BLANCHAN, N., *pseud.* Bird neighbors.
 PARSONS, F. T. How to know the wild flowers.
 THOMPSON, E. S. Wild animals I have known.
 WRIGHT, M. O. Citizen Bird.

THEOLOGY, EDUCATION AND SOCIOLOGY.

MAHAN, A. T. Interest of America in sea power past and present.

PLUMMER, M. W. Hints to small libraries.

WYCKOFF, W. A. The workers.

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

FLINT, G. Marching with Gomez.

HILL, R. T. Cuba and Porto Rico and other islands of the West Indies.

NANSEN, F. Farthest north.

WORCESTER, D. C. The Philippine islands.

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES.

The towns are classified according to their free library privileges as follows:

CLASS 1.

Towns which have libraries owned and controlled by the town and free for circulation to all the people. (All towns in this list excepting those marked † have organized their libraries with State Aid.)

| | | |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Alburg, | Grafton, | Peru, |
| Andover, | Granby, | Pomfret, |
| Athens, | Granville, | Poultney, |
| Barton, | Groton, | Putney, |
| Benson, | †Gulford, | Randolph, |
| Braintree, | Hardwick, | Reading, |
| †Brattleboro, | Hartland, | Readsboro, |
| Brighton, | Highgate, | †Richford, |
| Cabot, | Hyde Park, | †Richmond, |
| Cambridge, | Isle La Motte, | Ripton, |
| Canaan, | Jericho, | Rochester, |
| Castleton, | Johnson, | †Rockingham, |
| †Cavendish, | Kirby, | Royalton, |
| †Chelsea, | Landgrove, | Ryegate, |
| †Chester, | Lincoln, | ††St. Albans, |
| Chittenden, | Lunenburg, | * St. Albans (Town of), |
| Concord, | Lyndon, | Sharon, |
| Enosburg, | Marshfield, | Shelburne, |
| Essex, | Middletown Springs, | Sheldon, |
| †Fair Haven, | Milton, | Shoreham, |
| Fairlee, | Montgomery, | South Hero, |
| Fairfax, | Newport, | Stamford, |
| Fletcher, | Northfield, | Stockbridge, |
| Franklin, | Orange, | †Stowe, |
| Georgia, | Orwell, | †Strafford, |

† Owned by the city.

* Has free use of public library in St. Albans (City), and makes annual appropriation for its support.

| | | |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Sunderland, | Wardsboro, | Weston, |
| Sutton, | Washington, | West Windsor, |
| Swanton, | Waterford, | Weybridge, |
| Townshend, | Waterville, | Wheelock, |
| Vershire, | Westfield, | Whitingham, |
| Victory, | Westford, | Wilmington, |
| Waitsfield, | West Haven, | Windham, |
| Walden, | Westmore, | Woodbury, — 99. |

CLASS 2.

Towns which have free libraries in which the town has some representation in the management.

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Burlington, | Springfield, — 2. |
|-------------|-------------------|

CLASS 3.

Towns in which there are free libraries to which the town appropriates money, but is not represented in the management.

| | | |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Bethel, | Plattsford, | West Rutland, |
| Morristown, | Rutland, | Windsor,—8. |
| Newbury, | Wallingford, | |

CLASS 4.

Towns in which there are free libraries which have no connection with the town.

| | | |
|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| Charleston, | Newfane, | Woodstock, |
| Hartford, | St. Johnsbury, | Thetford,—8. |
| Montpelier, | Ludlow, | |

CLASS 5.

*Towns which have no free library. (Towns marked * contain libraries which are not free.)*

| | | |
|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Addison, | Bridgewater, | *Danville, |
| Albany, | Bridport, | Derby, |
| Arlington, | *Bristol, | *Dorset, |
| *Bakersfield, | *Brookfield, | Dover, |
| Baltimore, | Brookline, | *Dummerston, |
| Barnard, | Brownington, | Duxbury, |
| Barnet, | Brunswick, | East Haven, |
| *Barre, | *Burke, | *East Montpelier, |
| Barre (Town of), | *Calais, | Eden, |
| Belvidere, | *Charlotte, | Elmore, |
| *Bennington, | Clarendon, | *Fairfield, |
| Berkshire, | Colchester, | Fayston, |
| Berlin, | *Corinth, | Ferrisburg, |
| Bloomfield, | *Cornwall, | Glastenbury, |
| Bolton, | *Coventry, | Glover, |
| *Bradford, | *Craftsbury, | Goshen, |
| *Brandon, | Danby, | *Grand Isle, |

a Free use of school library.

| | | |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| *Greensboro, | Mt. Tabor, | South Burlington, |
| Gulldhall, | *Newark, | Stannard, |
| Halifax, | New Haven, | Starksboro, |
| Hancock, | North Hero, | Stratton, |
| Hinesburg, | Norton, | Sudbury, |
| Holland, | *Norwich, | Tinmouth, |
| Hubbardton, | Panton, | Topsham, |
| Huntington, | Pawlet, | Troy, |
| *Ira, | *Peacham, | Tunbridge, |
| Irasburgh, | Pittsfield, | *Underhill, |
| Jamaica, | Plainfield, | *Vergennes, |
| Jay, | Plymouth, | Vernon, |
| Leicester, | Pownal, | Waltham, |
| Lemington, | *Proctor, | Warren, |
| *Londonderry, | Roxbury, | *Waterbury, |
| Lowell, | Rupert, | Weathersfield, |
| Maldstone, | Rutland (Town of), | Wells, |
| *Manchester, | St. George, | West Fairlee, |
| Mariboro, | Salisbury, | Westminster, |
| Mendon, | Sandgate, | Whiting, |
| *Middlebury, | Searsburg, | *Williamstown, |
| Middlesex, | *Shaftsbury, | Williston, |
| Monkton, | Sheffield, | Winhall, |
| Moretown, | Sherburne, | Wolcott, |
| Morgan, | Shrewsbury, | Woodford, |
| Mt. Holly, | Somerset, | Worcester,—129. |

GIFTS TO LIBRARIES MADE, OR THAT HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE, SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT OF 1898.

| LIBRARY. | Donation. | Donor. |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Brattleboro Free Library | { \$500.00 | Hon. Dorman B. Eaton. |
| Cambridge Town Library | { 500.00 | Rev. Geo. I. Walker. |
| Castleton Free Public Library | { 140.00 | Ladies' Club of Jeffersonville. |
| Chelsea Public Library | { 100 vols. | A. P. Childs. |
| Chester, Whiting Free Library | { Warner's Library of the | Prof. R. M. Wright. |
| E. Charleston Reading Circle | { Worlds Best Literature. | Rev. S. L. B. Speare. |
| E. Corinth Public Library | { 58 vols | Hon. Chas. A. Fullerton. |
| Enosburgh | { \$50.00 | Dr. Simms. |
| Essex Free Library | { 20.00 | Prof. A. H. Adams. |
| Grafton Public Library | { 40.00 | Mrs. A. Fenno, Mr. C. M. Blake, |
| Guildhall | { 150.00 | Miss S. Blake and others. |
| Hardwick, Jeudevine Memorial | { 700.00 | Ladies' Improvement Society. |
| Hartford Library | { 300.00 | Hon. Olin Merrill. |
| Hartford, Wilder Club and Library | { 200.00 | Entertainments. |
| Jericho Town Library | { 500.00 | Mrs. L. B. Daniels. |
| Johnson Public Library | { Library building, site and | Col. E. C. Benton. |
| Ludlow, Fletcher Memorial Library | { about 500 vols. | Entertainment. |
| Montpelier, Kellogg-Hubbard | { \$150.00 | Mr. E. Morris. |
| Morrisstown Centennial Library | { 100.00 | Friends of Founder. |
| Newbury, Tenney Memorial | { 1,200.00 | L. F. Wilbur. |
| Newfane, The Moore Public Library | { 25.00 | Woman's Club. |
| Pittsford, Maclure Library | { 375.00 | Woman's Auxiliary Y. M. C. A. |
| Pomfret Public Library | { Building and library | Allen M. Fletcher. |
| Proctor Public Library | { \$125,000.00 | By will of John E. Hubbard. |
| Putney Public Library | { 973.00 | Ladies' Library Guild. |
| Randolph Public Library | { 706.00 | Ladies' Library League. |
| Reading Free Library | { 200.00 | Subscription. |
| Richford, Arvin A. Brown Pub. Lib. | { 400.00 | F. J. and C. C. Doe. |
| Sharon Public Library | { Building, \$9,000; 2,100 vols. | Mrs. Philura C. Moore. |
| Shelburne Public Library | { \$2,000.00 endowment ... | Agricultural Library. |
| Sheldon Free Library | { \$150.00 | Col. C. P. Miller. |
| Shoreham Public Library | { 100 vols. | Hon. Redfield Proctor. |
| St. Albans Free Library | { Official Records of the | C. W. Kimball. |
| Swanton Free Library | { War of the Rebellion ... | Mrs. Sarah J. Crocker. |
| Waitsfield Town Library | { \$110.00 | Hon. Gilbert A. Davis, Windsor. |
| Wallingford, Gilbert-Hart Library | { 500.00 | Hon. S. P. Carpenter. |
| Washington Public Library | { 500.00 | John Shepard. |
| Westmore Public Library | { 3,300.00 | Mrs. W. S. Webb. |
| West Windsor Public Library | { Library building costing | Jonathan Northrop. |
| Weybridge, Cotton Free Pub. Lib. | { \$5,000.00 | Entertainment and friends. |
| Wheelock Public Library | { \$500.00 | Reading Clubs and entertain- |
| Windsor Library Association | { about \$4,000 | ments. |
| Vergennes Library | { \$50.00 | Will of Hon. J. Gregory Smith. |
| | { 330 vols. | Entertainments. |
| | { \$5,000.00 | Lecture Course Association. |
| | { 850.00 | Old Library Association. |
| | { 60.00 in books | Mrs. H. A. White. |
| | { 185.00 | Mr. Skinner. |
| | | B. F. Blood, Waltham, Mass. |
| | | Mr. Kelsey, Windsor. |
| | | Joshua F. Cotton. |
| | | Benjamin W. Dodge. |
| | | Entertainments. |
| | | Hon. C. C. Beaman. |
| | | Readings by Mrs. J. C. R. Dorr |
| | | and others. |

NOTE.—In sums of less than \$25.00, more than \$2,000.00, not noted in above table, have been given to libraries in the state during the last two years.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

| PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL. | NUMBER OF VOLUMES. | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------|------------------|
| | Reference. | Others. | Added last year. |
| Barre | 300 | 300 | 65 |
| Barton | 70 | 150 | 13 |
| Bellows Falls | 70 | 100 | ..... |
| Bennington | 300 | ..... | 50 |
| Brandon | 250 | 150 | ..... |
| Bristol | 25 | 75 | ..... |
| Burlington ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Chelsea | 30 | 158 | 6 |
| Chester | 50 | 100 | ..... |
| Enosburgh Falls | 20 | 110 | ..... |
| Fair Haven | 50 | ..... | ..... |
| Hartford | 25 | 150 | 5 |
| Hyde Park | 200 | 25 | ..... |
| Ludlow | 300 | 1,100 | 55 |
| Middlebury | 30 | 180 | 1 |
| Milton | 100 | 200 | ..... |
| Montpelier | 150 | 2,000 | ..... |
| Morrisville | 150 | ..... | 1 |
| Newport | 100 | ..... | ..... |
| North Bennington* | 75 | 909 | 230 |
| Pittsford | 30 | ..... | ..... |
| Proctor | 75 | 75 | ..... |
| Randolph | 300 | ..... | ..... |
| Richford | 35 | 191 | 2 |
| Rutland ..... | ..... | 1,200 | ..... |
| St. Albans | 350 | 320 | 200 |
| Springfield | 22 | 50 | 30 |
| Winoski | 62 | 80 | 1 |
| Woodstock | 50 | ..... | ..... |

* Free to the public.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

| ACADEMIES. | NUMBER OF VOLUMES. | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------|------------------|
| | Reference. | Others. | Added last year. |
| Brigham Academy* | 100 | 600 | 50 |
| Burr and Burton Seminary | 200 | 800 | ..... |
| Craftsbury Academy* ..... | ..... | 2,150 | 25 |
| Derby Academy | 300 | 500 | 5 |
| Essex Classical Institute | 65 | 185 | 41 |
| Lyndon Institute | 350 | 800 | 30 |
| McIndoes Academy | 50 | 100 | ..... |
| Montpelier Seminary* | 100 | 1,000 | ..... |
| Pearham Academy* ..... | ..... | 2,500 | ..... |
| St. Johnsbury Academy ..... | ..... | 500 | ..... |
| Thetford Academy* | 200 | 2,200 | 60 |
| Troy Conference Seminary | 450 | 2,400 | ..... |
| Vermont Academy ..... | ..... | 4,000 | 110 |

* Free to the public.

TABULATED REPORT OF LIBRARIES ACCORDING TO COUNTIES.

ADDISON COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | STATE AID. | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1900. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|-----------------|--|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Addison..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bridport..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bristol..... | Bristol Library Association..... | ..... | No. | Mrs. John R. Kilborn..... | 1,000 | ..... | No. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Corwall..... | Lane Library..... | 1859 | No. | Mrs. E. O. Porter..... | 1,023 | ..... | No. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Ferriaburg..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Goshen..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Granville..... | Granville Free Library..... | 1885 | Yes. | Beessie Hubbard..... | 249 | 14 | Yes. | \$15 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Hancock..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Leicester..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lincoln..... | Lincoln Free Library..... | 1900 | Yes. | Edna C. Bristol..... | ..... | ..... | Yes. | 25 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Middlebury..... | Ladies' Library..... | 1886 | No. | Emma I. Higley..... | 4,300 | 180 | No. | ..... | \$5,000 00 | Miss Starr. |
| Monkton..... | College library..... | 1800 | Yes. | C. B. Wright..... | 24,000 | ..... | No. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Monkton..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| New Haven..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Orwell..... | Orwell Free Library..... | 1886 | Yes. | Addie M. Raymond..... | 537 | 90 | Yes. | 100 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Panton..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Ripton..... | Free Library..... | 1885 | Yes. | Timothy Billings..... | 292 | 20 | Yes. | 15 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Salisbury..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Shoreham..... | Shoreham Public Library..... | 1888 | Yes. | Marcia A. Douglas..... | 500 | 100 | Yes. | 25 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Starkboro..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Vergennes..... | Vergennes Library..... | 1876 | No. | Mary P. Tucker..... | 3,209 | 97 | No. | 260 37 | ..... | ..... |
| Walham..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Weybridge..... | The Cotton Free Public Library of Weybridge..... | 1899 | Yes. | Martin E. Sprague..... | 740 | 340 | Yes. | 0 | 5,000 00 | Joshua F. Cotton. |
| Whiting..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

Library free, 6 towns.
 Library not free, 4 "
 No library, 13 "
 — " 23 "



ENOSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY—BOOK ROOM.

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | STATE AID. | A.M.'T APP. BY TOWN, 1900. | ENDOW- MENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Arlington..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bennington..... | Bennington Free Library..... | 1865 | Yes | Mary B. Merrill..... | 6,032 | 13 | No | \$400 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Dorset..... | Dorset Book Club..... | 1870 | No | H. D. Baldwin..... | 511 | 35 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Glasterbury..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Landgrove..... | Landgrove Public Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. R. E. Wiley..... | 270 | 92 | Yes | 15 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Manchester..... | Mark Skinner Library..... | 1897 | No | Clara M. Chamberlin..... | 12,000 | 1,048 | No | ..... | \$750 | Mrs. Frances Skinner Willing. |
| Pera..... | Pera Free Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. M. M. Whitney..... | 250 | 40 | Yes | 15 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Pownal..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Readaboro..... | Readaboro Library Ass'n..... | 1899 | Yes | Rena Lesure..... | 454 | ..... | Yes | 25 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rupert..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Sandgate..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Searsburg..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Shafesbury..... | South Shafesbury Lib. Ass'n..... | 1884 | No | Mrs. Fred Eddy..... | 800 | 40 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Stamford..... | Stamford Public Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Miss M. C. Morrissey..... | 295 | 15 | Yes | 15 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Sunderland..... | Sunderland Town Library..... | 1896 | Yes | J. M. Gregory..... | 140 | 8 | Yes | 15 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Winhall..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Woodford..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

*Annually.

Library free, 6 towns.
 Library not free, 8 "
 No library, 8 "
 17 "

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. MAY, 1890. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1900. | STATE AID. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Barnet..... | No library..... | 1872 | No. | Mrs. Susan Streeter..... | 400 | | | No. | | |
| Burke - { East..... | Ladies' Library Association..... | 1873 | No. | Mrs. Sarah A. Buel..... | | | | No. | | |
| Danville..... | Pope Memorial Library..... | 1879 | No. | Ida M. Page..... | 1,500 | | | No. | \$1,000 00 | { Building given by Mrs. C. E. Pope. |
| Groton..... | Groton Public Library..... | 1893 | Yes. | George N. Clark..... | 535 | 3 | \$25 00 | Yes. | | |
| Hardwick..... | Halfway Free Public Lib..... | 1893 | Yes. | Carrie P. Bridgman..... | 935 | 45 | 200 00 | Yes. | | |
| Kirby..... | Jendervine Memorial Library..... | 1897 | Yes. | Carrie P. Bridgman..... | 330 | 84 | | No. | | { Given by Mrs. M. M. Jendevine. |
| Lyndon..... | Kirby Public Library..... | 1895 | Yes. | Nellie A. Russell..... | 306 | 65 | 15 00 | Yes. | | |
| Newark..... | Lyndon Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes. | Mrs. H. Duston..... | 1,565 | 292 | 150 00 | Yes. | | |
| Peacham..... | Ladies' Library..... | | No. | Anna E. Kenfrew..... | 1,848 | 64 | | No. | 1,535 00 | { Thaddeus Stevens and others. |
| Ryegate..... | Ryegate Free Library..... | 1893 | Yes. | Mary S. Beattie..... | 586 | 56 | | Yes. | | |
| St. Johnsbury..... | St. Johnsbury Athenaeum..... | 1871 | Yes. | Louise L. Bartlett..... | 15,982 | 515 | | No. | 52,000 00 | Horace Fairbanks. |
| Shelfield..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Stannard..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Sutton..... | Sutton Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes. | Mrs. L. B. Wilson..... | 530 | 30 | 25 00 | Yes. | | |
| Walden..... | Walden Free Public Library..... | 1895 | Yes. | George T. Eastman..... | 332 | 17 | 15 00 | Yes. | | |
| Waterford..... | Waterford Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes. | E. W. Brown..... | 215 | 15 | 25 00 | Yes. | | |
| Wheelock..... | Wheelock Public Library..... | 1897 | Yes. | L. N. Cree..... | 400 | 40 | 15 00 | Yes. | | |

*For running expenses of both libraries in town.

Library free, 10 towns.
 Library not free, 4 "
 No library, 3 "
 17 "

CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1900. | STATE AID. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---|---|
| Bolton | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Burlington | Billings library | 1885 | Yes | Edith E. Clarke | 60,000 | 5,500 | | No. | \$50,000 CO 10,000 CO 1,200 CO 500 CO 1600 CO 150 CO | Frederick Billings. Maria Loomis. Wheeler Fund. Strong Fund. Mary L. Fletcher. John Sherman. |
| Burlington | Fletcher Free Library | 1874 | Yes | Sarah C. Hagar | 40,000 | 1,000 | \$2,200 00 | No. | | |
| Charlotte | Rosford Lib. of Bap. church. | 1875 | § | Roderic Eno | 800 | | | No. | | |
| Colchester | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Keese | Essex Free Library | 1899 | Yes | S. A. Brownell | 500 | 400 | 50 00 | Yes | | |
| Hinesburgh | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Huntington | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Jericho | Jericho Town Library | 1899 | Yes | Mrs. Jennie W. Hart | 350 | 60 | 25 00 | Yes | | |
| Milton | Rifton Free Library | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. C. L. Wolcott | 237 | 40 | 25 00 | Yes | | |
| Richmond | Richmond Free Library | 1888 | Yes | Anna Norton | 900 | | † | No. | 1,387 36 | Jonas F. Barber. |
| St George | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelburne | Shelburne Free Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. M. A. Hurley | 650 | 74 | 25 00 | Yes | | |
| South Burlington | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Underhill | Underhill Library Ass'n | | No. | A. C. Humphrey | 800 | 25 | | | | |
| Westford | Westford Free Library | 1895 | Yes | H. T. Fay | 481 | 38 | 25 00 | Yes | | |
| Williston | No library | | | | | | | | | |

§ Free for parish.
 † Appropriated by the city.
 ‡ Yearly.
 † Town pays salary of librarian.
 ‡ Added during last two years.

Library free, 7 towns.
 Library not free, 2 "
 No library, 7 "
 — 16 "

ESSEX COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISH- MENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1900. | STATE AID. | ENDOW- MENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Bloomfield | No library. | 1895 | Yes | Leta J. Eaton | 590 | 44 | \$100 00 | Yes | | |
| Brighton | Island Pond Public Library | 1895 | Yes | | | | | | | |
| Brunswick | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Canaan | Canaan Library | 1896 | Yes. | Mrs. Chas. H. Weeks | 400 | 1 | 25 00 | Yes. | | |
| Concord | Concord Library | 1896 | Yes. | H. C. Wilcox | 650 | | 35 00 | Yes. | | |
| East Haven | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Granby | Town library | 1896 | Yes. | Mrs. Allen Hodgdon | 120 | | 15 90 | Yes. | | |
| Guildhall | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Lemington | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Lunenburg | Lunenburg Public Library | 1895 | Yes. | Julia R. White | 802 | 54 | 50 00 | Yes. | | |
| Maldstone | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Norton | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Victory | Victory Public Library | 1897 | Yes. | Mrs. Heman Boyce | 108 | 83 | 15 00 | Yes. | | |

Library free, 6 towns.

No library, 7 "

13 "

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1900. | STATE AID. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| Bakersfield | No library (a) | | | | | | | | | |
| Berkshire | No library Public Library | 1886 | Yes | Miss Anna Gaines | 1,383 | 927 | \$100 00 | Yes | | |
| Enosburg | Enosburg Free Library | 1899 | Yes | Eliza J. Furmort | 180 | | 25 00 | Yes | | |
| Fairfax | Fairfax Free Library | 1900 | No. | Miss A. G. Soule | 118 | | | | | |
| Fairfield | Fairfield Free Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. A. Carpenter | 270 | | 25 00 | Yes | | |
| Fletcher | Fletcher Free Library | 1896 | Yes | N. J. Randall | 700 | 40 | 25 00 | Yes | | |
| Franklin | Franklin Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. Abner Bliss | 186 | 42 | 25 00 | Yes | | |
| Georgia | Georgia Free Library | 1896 | Yes | O. E. Sheridan | 212 | 90 | | Yes | | |
| Hingham | Free Library | 1895 | Yes | Charles L. Martin | 335 | | 25 00 | Yes | | |
| Montgomery | Town Library | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. A. K. Brown | 1,126 | 103 | | No. | \$350 00 | Arvin A. Brown. |
| Richford | Arvin A. Brown Public Lib. | 1895 | Yes | Bertha C. Jennison | 2,670 | 510 | \$600 00 | No. | 1,000 00 | Luther B. Hunt. |
| St. Albans | St. Albans Free Public Lib. | 1860 | Yes | | | | | | | |
| Sheldon | No library (b) | | | | | | | | | |
| Swanton | Sheldon Free Public Library | 1897 | Yes | Miss Eva Marvin | 500 | 100 | 25 00 | Yes | 2,000 00 | Jonathan Northrop. |
| | Swanton Free Library | 1899 | Yes | Miss Bessie S. Rogers | 800 | 800 | 100 00 | Yes | | |

Library free, 11 towns.

Library not free, 1 "

No library 3 "

— 15 "

* Yearly.

† Appropriated by the city, \$500 00.

‡ Appropriated by the town, 100 00.

(a) Brigham Academy Library free to citizens of Bakersfield.
(b) Makes appropriation for, and has free use of St. Albans (city) library.

GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1900. | STATE AID. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| Alburg | Alburg Town Library. | 1896 | Yes. | Mrs. F. H. Brayton. | 536 | 30 | \$25 00 | Yes. | ..... | ..... |
| Grand Isle | Grand Isle Library Club | 1898 | No. | Cordelia Uford | 225 | ..... | ..... | No. | ..... | ..... |
| Isle La Motte | Isle La Motte Free Library | 1896 | Yes. | Mary Montgomery | 180 | 13 | ..... | Yes. | ..... | ..... |
| North Hero | No library | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| South Hero | South Hero Public Library | 1895 | Yes. | Mrs. Julia Hall | 300 | 15 | 15 00 | Yes. | ..... | ..... |

Library free, 3 towns.

Library not free, 1 "

No library, 1 "

5 "

LAMOILLE COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1900. | STATE AID. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| Belvidere | No library | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cambridge | Cambridge Town Library | 1900 | Yes. | Miss M. Page | 250 | 87 | \$50 00 | Yes. | ..... | ..... |
| Eden | No library | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Elmore | No library | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hyde Park | Hyde Park Public Library | 1898 | Yes. | Miss Alice L. Goddard | 1,000 | 11 | 25 00 | Yes. | ..... | ..... |
| Johnson | Johnson Public Library | 1893 | Yes. | Mrs. D. G. Holmes | 1,642 | 96 | 50 00 | Yes. | ..... | ..... |
| Morrisville | Morrisville Centennial Lib. | 1890 | Yes. | F. G. Fleetwood | 2,400 | 200 | 185 00 | No. | \$100 00 | Mrs. H. O. Cushman |
| Stowe | Stowe Free Library | 1896 | Yes. | Mrs. M. A. Jenney | 2,107 | 44 | 50 00 | No. | ..... | George W. Clark. |
| Waterville | Free Library | 1896 | Yes. | J. F. Stevens | ..... | ..... | ..... | Yes. | ..... | ..... |
| Wolcott | No library | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

Library free, 6 towns.

No library, 4 "

10 "

* Annually.

ORANGE COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | STATE AID. | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1900. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Bradford..... | Bradford Public Library..... | 1895 | No. | Annie C. Spalding.... | 2,800 | 62 | No. | ..... | \$5,000 00 | J. L. Woods. |
| Brattleboro..... | Brattleboro Public Library..... | 1900 | Yes. | Miss E. J. Pratt..... | ..... | ..... | Yes. | \$25 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Brookfield..... | Brookfield Town Library..... | 1791 | No. | Chas. S. Williams.... | 2,500 | 40 | No. | ..... | ..... | Building given by Alden Speare. |
| Chelsea..... | Alden Speare Memorial Lib.. | 1892 | Yes. | Nellie Corwin..... | 1,309 | 91 | No. | 50 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Corinth..... | East Corinth Public Library.. | 1893 | No. | W. R. Rowland..... | 750 | 150 | No. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Fairlee..... | Fairlee Public Library..... | 1898 | Yes. | Mrs. B. W. Abbott.... | 323 | 51 | Yes. | 15 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Newbury..... | Tenney Memorial Library.... | 1897 | Yes. | Francis M. Atkinson.. | 3,435 | 350 | No. | 150 00 | *215 00 | Building given by Martha J. Tenney. |
| Orange..... | Orange Library..... | 1881 | Yes. | Mrs. Mrs. F. Davis.... | 650 | 2 | Yes. | ..... | 3,300 00 | Mrs. Sarah J. Crooker |
| Randolph..... | Randolph Public Library.... | 1896 | Yes. | Maud E. Blanchard.... | 2,668 | 124 | Yes. | 1200 00 | 1,050 00 | Building given by Hon. J. S. Morrill. |
| Stratford..... | Harris Library..... | 1855 | Yes. | Marian C. Hatch..... | 4,500 | 250 | No. | ..... | 1,500 00 | Mrs. A. L. Barney. |
| Thetford..... | Latham Memorial Library.... | 1876 | Yes. | A. E. Lambert..... | 2,325 | 75 | No. | ..... | 2,500 00 | ..... |
| Topsham..... | Peabody Library..... | 1867 | Yes. | Harvey Dodge..... | 5,500 | 80 | No. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Tunbridge..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Vershire..... | No library..... | 1895 | Yes. | ..... | 149 | 9 | Yes. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Washington..... | Cotton Library..... | 1896 | Yes. | C. H. Johannesson.... | 109 | ..... | Yes. | 25 00 | 600 00 | Mrs. H. A. White. |
| West Fairlee..... | Washington Town Library .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Williamstown..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | Williamstown Social Library.. | 1901 | No. | George E. Wilber..... | 3,000 | 40 | No. | ..... | ..... | ..... |

* Annually. Appropriated by village, \$100.

Library free, 10 towns.
 Library not free, 4 "
 No library, 3 "
 17 "

ORLEANS COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | No. Vols. May, 1900. | No. Vols. Added Last Year. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1900. | STATE AID. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Albany | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Barton | Barton Town Library | 1896 | Yes. | L. M. Hubbard | 945 | 216 | \$200 00 | Yes. | | |
| Brownington | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Charleston | E. Charleston Reading Circle. | 1896 | Yes. | Mrs. I. R. Wolcott | 275 | 50 | | No. | | |
| Coventry | Coventry Library Association | 1874 | No. | A. D. Thurber | 300 | 27 | | No. | | |
| Craftsbury | Craftsbury Academy Library. | | Yes. | Ida G. Duestan | 2,150 | 25 | | No. | | |
| Derby | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Glover | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Greensboro | Greensboro Library | 1873 | No. | Mrs. F. C. Kinney | 500 | | | No. | | |
| Holland | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Iraaburg | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Jay | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Lowell | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Morgan | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Newport | Goodrich Memorial Library | 1899 | Yes. | Lizzie M. Sargent | 6,500 | | 400 00 | Yes. | \$32,000 00 | Mr. Converse G. Goodrich. |
| Troy | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Westfield | Westfield Public Library | 1896 | Yes. | Mrs. E. M. Brown | 291 | 7 | 15 00 | Yes. | | |
| Westmore | Westmore Public Library | 1896 | Yes. | Mrs. Mary E. Lyon | 374 | 53 | 15 00 | Yes. | | |

Library free, 6 towns,
 Library not free, 2 "
 No library, 10 "
 18 "



PEABODY LIBRARY, POST MILLS, VT.



RESIDENCE OF M. H. MILLER, POMFRET, VT., IN WHICH IS THE POMFRET PUBLIC LIBRARY.

RUTLAND COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | AMT. APP. BY TOWN, 1900. | STATE AID. | KNOW. MENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|-------------|--|
| Benson. | Benson Free Library | 1897 | Yes. | Mrs. P. E. Wilcox. | 712 | 75 | \$75 00 | Yes. | | |
| Bandon. | Ladies Book Club | | No. | Mrs. Fred Kingsley. | 2,286 | 20 | | Yes. | | |
| Castleton. | Castleton Free Library | 1897 | Yes. | Minnie A. Rice | 1,116 | 360 | 50 00 | Yes. | | |
| Chittenden. | Chittenden Free Public Lib. | 1895 | Yes. | E. J. Ferry | 330 | 30 | 25 00 | Yes. | | |
| Clarendon. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Danby. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Fair Haven. | Fair Haven Public Library | 1898 | Yes. | Ellen F. Denny | 4,032 | 191 | 600 00 | No. | | |
| Hubbardton. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Ira. | Baptist Sunday School Lib. | 1850 | Yes. | Mr. Harrison Fish. | | | | No. | | |
| Mendon. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Middletown Sp'gs. | Public library | 1899 | Yes. | Dana S. Carpenter. | 158 | 168 | 80 00 | Yes. | | |
| Mt. Holly. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Tabor. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Pawlett. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Pittsfield. | MacLure Library | 1839 | Yes. | Bertha M. Shaw. | 7,645 | 228 | 216 40 | No. | | { Walter Memorial building given by Henry F. Walker, M.D., otherwise endowed by several. |
| Poultney. | Poultney Public Library | 1895 | Yes. | Addie Kilborn. | 2,280 | 215 | 500 00 | Yes. | \$64 00 | |
| Proctor. | Proctor Public Library | 1881 | No. | Mary K. Norton. | 4,700 | 200 | | No. | | |
| Rutland. | Rutland Free Library | 1896 | Yes. | Lacy D. Cheney. | 12,061 | 1,004 | | No. | | |
| Rutland. | H. H. Baxter Memorial Lib. | 1891 | Yes. | Mrs. E. C. Riker | | | | No. | | |
| Rutland (Town of). | No library | | | | | | | | | { Supported by H. H. Baxter. |
| Sherburne. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Shrewsbury. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Sudbury. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Tinmouth. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Wallingford. | Gilbert Hart Library | 1894 | Yes. | May L. Congdon. | 2,000 | 100 | 319 74 | No. | | |
| Wells. | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| West Haven. | Free Circulating Library | 1899 | Yes. | Mrs. S. R. Hitchcock. | 122 | 23 | 25 00 | Yes. | | |
| West Rutland. | West Rutland Library | 1881 | Yes. | Anna H. Spencer. | 1,598 | 188 | 320 00 | No. | | |

*Annually.

Library free, 13 towns.
 Library not free, 2 "
 No library, 14 "
 — 28 "

REPORT OF VERMONT

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

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|-------------------|----------|
| Library free, | 6 towns. |
| Library not free, | 4 " |
| No library, | 10 " |
| | <hr/> |
| | 20 " |

* For care of both libraries.

WINDHAM COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTAB- LISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | STATE AID. | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1900. | ENDOW- MENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Athens..... | Athens Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. P. O. Edwards.. | 270 | Yes. | Yes. | \$15 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Brattleboro..... | Brattleboro Free Library..... | 1882 | Yes | Wm. C. Bradley..... | 11,524 | 480 | No. | 1,200 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Brookline..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Dover..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Dummerston..... | Dummerston Library Ass'n..... | 1874 | No. | Henry H. Miller..... | 140 | No. | No. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Grafton..... | Grafton Public Library..... | 1858 | Yes | Lura A. Phelps..... | 2,500 | 100 | No. | 100 00 | \$500 00 | Mrs. L. B. Daniella. |
| Guilford..... | Guilford Free Library..... | 1893 | Yes | Mrs. W. G. Worden.. | 2,000 | ..... | No. | 40 00 | 1,000 00 | Mrs. C. A. King. |
| Halifax..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Jamaica..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Londonderry..... | Londonderry Library Ass'n..... | 1882 | No. | ..... | ..... | ..... | No. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Marlboro..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Newfane..... | Moore Free library..... | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. Philura C. Moore | 2,900 | 19 | No. | ..... | 2,000 00 | Mrs. Philura C. Moore. |
| Putney..... | Putney Public Library..... | 1897 | Yes | Mark Ward..... | 845 | 15 | Yes. | 100 00 | 500 00 | C. W. Kimball. |
| Rockingham..... | Rockingham Free Library..... | 1868 | Yes | Mrs. Nellie A. Plantier | 7,200 | 250 | No. | 900 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Somerset..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Stratton..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Townshend..... | Townshend Free Library..... | 1899 | Yes | Mrs. L. D. Osgood.. | 116 | ..... | Yes | 25 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Vernon..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Wardsboro..... | Wardsboro Free Library..... | 1899 | Yes | Mrs. S. D. May..... | 542 | 7 | Yes | 15 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Westminster..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Whittingham..... | Whittingham Free Library..... | 1899 | Yes | Carrie E. Chase..... | 265 | ..... | Yes | 25 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Wilmington..... | Wilmington Free Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Miss Helen Buell.... | 600 | 100 | Yes | 50 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Windham..... | Windham Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. M. M. Lamsen.. | 266 | 40 | Yes | 15 00 | ..... | ..... |

Library free, 12 towns.
 Library not free, 2 "
 No library, 9 "
 — 23

WINDSOR COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE? | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. MAY, 1900. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | STATES AID. | AMOUNT APP. BY TOWN, 1900. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|---|
| Andover..... | Andover Town Library..... | 1896 | Yes. | H. B. Stannard..... | 510 | 157 | Yes. | \$15 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Baltimore..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Barnard..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bethel..... | Bethel Public Library..... | 1893 | Yes. | Kate F. Marsh..... | 890 | 90 | No. | 35 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Bridgewater..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cavendish..... | Fletcher Town Library..... | 1870 | Yes. | E. G. White..... | 6,000 | ..... | No. | 150 00 | *\$100 00 | Richard Fletcher. |
| Chester..... | Whiting Free Library..... | 1892 | Yes. | C. Geneva Pollard..... | 2,802 | 87 | No. | 200 00 | 4,000 00 | { Dr. Laurin G. and Abigail B. Whiting. |
| Hartford..... | Hartford Library..... | 1892 | Yes. | Fannie L. Wright..... | 2,351 | 100 | No. | ..... | 10,000 00 | Ephraim Morris. |
| Hartford (village of Wilder)..... | Wilder Club and Library..... | 1899 | Yes. | L. M. Hodgkins..... | 1,048 | ..... | No. | ..... | 30,000 00 | Charles T. Wilder. |
| Hartland..... | Hartland Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes. | Lonise R. Sturtevant..... | 900 | 50 | Yes. | 25 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Ludlow..... | Florence Memorial Library..... | 1892 | Yes. | Lizzie Crane..... | ..... | ..... | No. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Norwich..... | Norwich Public Library..... | 1880 | No. | Mrs. Ellen W. Knight..... | 2,270 | ..... | No. | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Plymouth..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Pomfret..... | Pomfret Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes. | Mrs. W. W. Miller..... | 632 | 60 | Yes. | 25 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Reading..... | Reading Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes. | Minnie C. Fay..... | 1,525 | 912 | Yes. | 24 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rochester..... | Rochester Free Library..... | 1895 | Yes. | Jessie M. Morgan..... | 700 | 100 | Yes. | 100 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Royalton..... | Royalton Town Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes. | Seymour Culver..... | 800 | 12 | Yes. | 25 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Sharon..... | Sharon Public Library..... | 1895 | Yes. | Mrs. C. B. Roberts..... | 520 | 80 | Yes. | 25 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Springfield..... | Springfield Town Library..... | 1871 | Yes. | Mattie Goodnough..... | 6,678 | 178 | No. | 250 00 | *155 02 | { One-half proceeds of sale of Springfield Wesleyan Seminary building. |
| Stockbridge..... | Stockbridge Free Library..... | 1895 | Yes. | J. A. Chedel..... | 218 | ..... | Yes. | 25 00 | ..... | William C. Belcher. |
| Wethersfield..... | Belcher Library..... | 1897 | Yes. | F. E. Steele..... | 2,277 | 248 | No. | 75 00 | *400 00 | ..... |
| Weston..... | Weston Free Library..... | 1898 | Yes. | Mrs. C. F. Hutchins..... | 556 | 65 | Yes. | 50 00 | ..... | ..... |
| West Windsor..... | West Windsor Public Library..... | 1895 | Yes. | C. S. Worcester..... | 166 | ..... | Yes. | 25 00 | ..... | ..... |
| Windsor..... | Windsor Library Association..... | 1893 | Yes. | Rev. E. N. Goddard..... | 8,800 | 392 | No. | 400 00 | 10,000 00 | { Hon. and Mrs. Hiram Harlow. |
| Woodstock..... | Norman Williams Pub. Lib..... | 1895 | Yes. | Mrs. O. B. Jaquith..... | 11,659 | 336 | No. | ..... | *2,720 00 | Dr. E. H. Williams. |

* Annually.

Library free. 18 towns.
Library not free. 1 "
No library. 5 "

LIBRARIES ESTABLISHED IN 1899 AND 1900.

Since the publication of the last report the following towns have availed themselves of the advantage of the library law and have received the books from the State: Braintree, Cambridge, Essex, Fairfax, Jericho, Lincoln, Middletown Springs, Readsboro, Swanton, Townshend, Waitsfield, Wardsboro, West Haven, Weybridge, Whittingham. In all eighty-five towns have received the State aid. Two others at the last March meeting voted the required appropriation and elected the trustees, who received the necessary blanks from the secretary of the Commission, but have failed as yet to return them, though requested more than once to do so. Consequently no action can yet be taken by the Commission to procure for them the books furnished by the State. It is evident that a number of towns are without libraries to-day because of the indifference, negligence and possible hostility to a free library of those duly elected to care for its interests.

PRESENT CONDITION OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

While it is doubtless true that some of the libraries already established have suffered from lack of proper care, it is also true that this number is very small indeed, and that almost all of the libraries have been well cared for and have gathered about themselves many friends and a strong and ever-increasing interest for their support. Six libraries report no appropriation for their maintenance by the town. In two cases an increased endowment has made such appropriation unnecessary. More than three-fourths of the libraries report financial help secured by friends through various means, ranging all the way from lectures and readings to baseball games and foot races. The aggregate amount thus raised during the last two years is more than \$2,000.

A circular of inquiry was mailed to every library in the State, and the information thus obtained has furnished the material for this report. In addition to this, letters have been sent to many of the towns, addressed to citizens qualified to judge intelligently and impartially of the progress, influence and value of the public library and the sentiment of the people regarding it. The replies to these letters have been gratifying in the extreme, indicating as they do, a strong growth of the library sentiment and testifying to the most beneficial influence of even the smallest of these free libraries. From one of the towns with a library of less than 500 volumes was received a letter written by one who opposed the establishment of the library. It reads in part as follows: "I now believe fully in the library. It is one of the most powerful agencies for good in our town. The character of our population has greatly changed in the last twenty-five years, more than one-half now being of foreign descent. They are fast becoming readers of good books. In fact the French-Canadians are among the library's most constant patrons."

Less than thirty of the libraries were able to report definitely upon the number of books loaned during the last two years. The reports received, however, show a substantial increase in the number issued in 1899 over those of 1898. Especially is this true in the departments of children's books and travel.

GIFTS TO LIBRARIES.

The last two years have been notable for the gifts made to libraries in the line of new buildings, endowment funds and books. It is a hopeful sign that wealth, guided by a philanthropic spirit, is more and more finding in the free library a field for the accomplishment of unbounded good. The "distinguished son" gives to his native town a free library and thereby erects a memorial of his philanthropy, loyalty and sound judgment, whose possibilities for good are practically unlimited. The instances of such benefactions are fortunately becoming more and more frequent. May their number continue to increase. The amount of the gifts, large and small, for the benefit of libraries, that have been made or have become available since the publication of the last report is more than \$175,000.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

All the large secondary schools have well selected and growing libraries adapted to their needs, generally strong in reference books. A few of these libraries are free to the public. Many of the public libraries make special provision for teachers and school children, and one of the most hopeful conditions of the times in the cause of popular education is the co-operation and closeness of touch between the school and the library. The same spirit that fosters one promotes the other. One grows as the other prospers.

TOWNS WITHOUT FREE LIBRARIES.

One hundred twenty-nine (129) towns, containing not over one-third of the population, and one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the state, are without a free public library, and ninety-seven (97) with practically no public library. In a few of these there are semi-public libraries, supported in various ways which in some inadequate measure furnish reading for the people. To each of these towns, besides the general information blank, was sent the following inquiry addressed to a citizen presumably thoroughly acquainted with the condition and interests of his town and whose information would be reliable:

"If there is no free public library in your town, have any efforts recently (within the last five years) been made to establish one?

Please give a concise account of such efforts, if any, and why they were unsuccessful."

The replies to these inquiries throw much light upon the real condition of affairs in these towns as affecting the possibility of establishing and maintaining a library. Possibly no better summary of the information thus obtained can be given than would be presented by the publica-

tion of six of these replies, verbatim, barring the omission of such names and references as would reveal their source. To do this could add nothing to their value and might do harm. For convenience of reference in commenting upon them they are numbered.

"1. An attempt will be made soon, probably next March, to establish a library, and I think we will be successful."

"2. We have no library. Under the State law we voted the required amount for two or three years in the town meeting and appointed the needed committee to carry into effect the vote of the town, but for some reason the committee never did their part and there the matter rested. There are some people here very anxious to have a town library. I think a vote of the town could be secured at any town meeting making the appropriation needed."

"3. The failure is due to the division of population. Those living in the smaller districts being jealous of the advantages of what is now a village containing at least two-thirds of the inhabitants of the town."

"4. Lack of interest in the matter. If the right kind of person would take the matter in hand many of the people would fall into line."

"5. Unsuccessful because public sentiment was not sufficiently aroused and educated. Therefore ignorance, false economy and prejudice voted it down."

"6. There are but two men in town who are not in debt, and taxes have been high the past few years. So we have done nothing about a library."

Less than one-half of the towns without libraries report any effort to establish one. The six replies printed practically classify those without free libraries. No. 1 represents by far the largest class and seems to indicate that there is still an ample and promising field for the operation of the present library law. Reports similar to No. 2 were received from six towns with grand lists varying from \$8,500 to \$2,000, and a population of from 1,400 to 500. One of these voted an appropriation of \$150. From another a clergyman writes as follows: "I have 1,500 or 2,000 volumes that I would give, if the proper steps were taken." The remedy for these towns would seem to be in the hands of the towns themselves to apply. Elect such trustees as will perform their duties.

The objection stated in No. 3 ought to be dispelled by the fact that a number of the existing libraries are maintaining, with great success and satisfaction to their patrons, branches in the different villages of the town. Section 887 on page 7 of this report provides for such action.

Nos. 4 and 5 indicate that there is still in Vermont a good field for a "campaign of education" on the part of those interested in the establishment of free public libraries.

No. 6 represents a class of towns with small population and grand list unable to properly maintain a library, whose benefits they peculiarly need. This need can best be met, it would seem, by the traveling library which has already done such efficient work in a few of the Vermont towns. Its methods, advantages and worth are set forth in the succeeding pages.

[Papers Read at the State Federation of Woman's Clubs held at
Lyndonville, October 19, 1899.]

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

BY MRS. W. P. SMITH.

You have all been made aware by the report you have just heard, and by the letters which during the summer were written each club, of the great desire on the part of your committee that an effort should be made to interest the state of Vermont in the subject of traveling libraries. I say the State of Vermont advisedly; for that is exactly the object we have in view—our ultimate end and aim.

We wish to interest the delegates and other friends present here, who shall in turn interest their clubs, who shall interest their own communities and the press of their own vicinities, who shall finally interest and move upon the Legislature of Vermont at its session in 1900 to make an appropriation for the purchase of traveling libraries. It is a large work which we have on our hands, and the time is short, so it behooves us to prepare ourselves for immediate action if we hope to accomplish this result.

I said we first wish to interest you who are present. You doubtless are now interested, and must be acquainted with the history of the traveling library movement. But allow me to relate again some of the facts in your hearing, with the hope that their repetition may increase your interest and strengthen your faith in the movement.

First, let me speak of the New York system, which seems to me the best where it is practicable. New York was the pioneer in the movement, which is still young. In 1892, through the efforts of Mr. Melvil Dewey, director of the New York State library, the state of New York made an appropriation for the purchase of books to be loaned to institutions and groups of taxpayers on payment of a nominal fee. His plan includes a system of central control and supervision of small collections of popular books to be sent from point to point, kept in charge of responsible persons, and circulated freely among the residents of each locality. In the first year 46 libraries were sent out. The demand for them so increased that in the fifth year the number had grown from 46 to 447.

These libraries are carefully chosen by expert librarians, and are made up of the choicest and freshest publications. A large number of the books sent must necessarily be works of fiction if the interest of the average borrower be sustained. Care is taken to provide only the very best and most wholesome stories, and to adapt them to the age and requirements of those to whom they are sent. In this respect the influence of the traveling libraries is certainly uplifting and invigorating, if not distinctly educational. A growing interest in biography, history, economics, science and art has been noted and fostered by the management, and many books in these departments are continually being purchased and sent out. Some entire libraries are made up of



THE GILBERT A. DAVIS LIBRARY BUILDING, READING (FELCHVILLE), VT., 1899.

these subjects, to the exclusion of fiction altogether, and special collections sent to study clubs throughout the state are doing a real educational work. The traveling libraries may be sent to local libraries desiring to supplement their liberal collections, to schools, to university extension circles, or reading clubs, as well as to small hamlets or rural communities. In places where there is no public library to be responsible for the books, in order to get a traveling library it is necessary for 25 taxpayers to make application for the library, to make proper guarantee against loss or damage, and to pay a fee of five dollars. The cost of transportation is borne by the state. There is abundant testimony of the success of the system which is regarded as an important adjunct of the state's system of instruction.

Perhaps some might say that New York, with its Hamiltonian system of education centering in the regents of the university of the state, could manage such a plan better than some other states having a different system. But we have the state of Michigan, the best example of the Jeffersonian system, equally successful with its traveling libraries. Michigan adopted the New York plan with various modifications in 1895 and is now circulating 100 libraries of 50 volumes each. The state librarian declares that in no other state institution has the same amount of good been done with so small an expenditure.

Iowa in 1896 inaugurated a similar system with an appropriation of \$4,000 which has sufficed to purchase and circulate 50 libraries, while at the present time applications are on file for 200. In Iowa, in two years 40 permanent libraries were organized as the direct result of visits from traveling libraries. This New York system has been adopted in Ohio also, and one or two other states. (Since writing the above I see that New Jersey has begun the good work with the purchase of 20 libraries.) Why should it not be further extended? "The state trains people to read and then leaves the quality of their reading to chance. It gives them an expensive schooling, for a few years, and then when a few cents per capita will enable them to carry on the education for years, it neglects them." There are only a few states, however, which have been generous and far-sighted enough to inaugurate this educational movement, but there are many more in which the same work has been done through private beneficence.

The story of the work in Wisconsin is most interesting. Hon. J. H. Stout, a citizen of one of the western counties, seeing the remote country districts in his part of the state were destitute of books, undertook to supply at his own expense a group of libraries of 30 volumes each, for circulation in Dunn county. He first sent out sixteen libraries in his county, but at the end of the year he was compelled to add twenty more to supply the active demand. A special effort was made to place the library station in the very poorest and most destitute portion of the county. The cross roads, rather than the villages, were sought as centers of influence. It was found that in those places the libraries were quite as highly valued as in the more populous neighborhoods.

Mr. Stout's enterprise is not the only one of the kind in Wisconsin. There is other private work of the same sort, and in at least three Wisconsin counties, the organizations of women's clubs support systems

of traveling libraries. "In all this," says the report, "nothing is more significant than the eagerness with which all classes and all grades of intelligence welcome the libraries, and the zest with which they read them. In one village, the local clergyman is the moving spirit; in another the village barber; often it is the district school mistress; not infrequently the prosperous farmer or his wife. Of the 100 traveling libraries now at work in Wisconsin no other seems to be doing so much good as one in a little hamlet in Wood county where the librarian is section boss on the railroad."

Let me quote still further the summing up of the matter.

1. The traveling library makes good literature accessible, and often a constant temptation, in communities where there are few distractions and no other similar educational forces for any but the younger children.

2. It puts the control of the reading of numbers of people in the hands of persons who have the library experience of the world at their command, while the literary tastes of their readers are forming.

3. It is economical. There is no expense for local rent, for fuel, light, or librarian's salary. Books are bought at lowest prices.

4. It keeps continual interest in the books by frequent exchanges, and the prospect of a near exchange keeps each family alert to learn about the best books and to get them promptly.

5. The library stations form new centers for the up-building of a better social and intellectual life.

To sum up briefly; The traveling library gives an abundant supply of wholesome literature to the people of small communities at a slight cost, and not only excites their interest in such literature, but confines their reading to it until their tastes are formed. It is a free day and night school which does not close on Saturdays or Sundays or for long vacations. It instructs, inspires and amuses the old as well as the young, and its curriculum is so broad that it helps the housewife in the kitchen, the husbandman in the field, the mechanic in his shop, the teacher in her school, the invalid in the sickroom, the boy in his play, and the citizen in his civic duties. It leaves no room for bad literature and keeps it from circulating without resort to threats by the most natural and wholesome methods.

I mentioned the fact that in Wisconsin the women's clubs were interesting themselves in this work. The federations of New Jersey, Georgia, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Oregon, Washington and Kentucky have started systems. The Women's Educational Association of Massachusetts have 25 such libraries in that state. The association called the Cheerful Letter Exchange in Massachusetts has gone beyond the boundaries of its own state and sent two libraries into Vermont. Is it not high time the women of Vermont were aroused to do something themselves?

I do not need to say more to show you that now there is nothing experimental in the scheme, and no one will raise any question about the need of this work in our own State. There are in Vermont 243 towns. Of these more than 100 have no library privileges of any sort, and in many towns where libraries exist they are practically inaccessible.

ible to the little hamlets and villages remote from the centers. How are these places to be reached? As I told you in the beginning, we hope that the next legislature may be induced to make an appropriation for the purpose. But the most generous gift we can hope for will be far inadequate to meet the need. Moreover we are by no means sure that the legislature will be willing to make any appropriation at all. The experience of the past has shown us that our legislators are not always awake to advance movements on educational lines. Why not begin the good work ourselves? Would it not surely aid in accomplishing our end to have some successful experience of our own to which we could point when the matter comes up for discussion at Montpelier? I know what some of you are ready to answer. We have no money. Well, the cost of a traveling library of 30 volumes would be thirty dollars. I doubt if there is a single club represented here to-day to which thirty dollars is an impossibility. If the smaller clubs are not able to raise it among their own members, they could solicit it outside from generous friends. If a whole library seems too much for one club to buy, let two or more combine to buy one together. The larger clubs would not hesitate one moment over a spread for themselves or their gentlemen friends, which would cost thirty dollars. Why not do without this display one year, treat our friends to plain living but high thinking, and buy a traveling library with our thirty dollars?

I submit to you the question, which would bring most respect and honor to the club, the banquet which is quickly consumed and more quickly forgotten, or the books which will furnish many hours of profit and pleasure to hungry and needy minds? And unlike the banquet of material food, the repast may be spread again and again and yet it is not consumed.

Money is saved by purchasing the books in quantity. They should also be purchased by a librarian who is skilled in such matters and knows what the popular demand is. Fresh and taking books are necessary to make the library a success.

Another point to be carefully considered is the placing of the library, so much depends upon the zeal and interest of the librarian. The Wisconsin experiment showed that the postoffices were often the best places, and postmasters were generally very ready to act as librarians. A postoffice is open every day in the week, is often the common center for three or four districts, and the postmasters are accustomed to keeping records.

It is very natural for us all to allow our vision to be bounded by our present horizon, and never move where we can peep beyond. We are so impressed with the great work to be done for ourselves, and our immediate vicinity, that we fail to get a glimpse of what lies just outside. Am I making too broad a statement when I say that this federation has no excuse for existence unless we combine to do work which shall conduce to the general welfare of the State of Vermont? What one thing could we do which would bring greater good to a greater number than to purchase ten traveling libraries and put them into circulation?

We who live in the towns find it impossible to realize the dearth

of good reading matter in our country districts and the narrow lives which are lived by many of the women and children in the "gray cabins of New England."

Fairly pitiful are the tales related by our young women who go back into the country district to teach, of the absence of any mental stimulus in many of the homes. Says Rebecca Harding Davis, "The cities of New England are full of noble men and women who use their influence and money for Freedmen, the Indians, the lepers in India, and the nihilists in Siberian mines. Can they do nothing to free these starved and confined lives at home?" This ought ye to have done and not to have left the other undone.

In closing I would like to make two practical suggestions to this body.

First: that a central committee be appointed by this federation who shall have the entire charge of the purchase, management and placing of such libraries as we shall provide for.

I make this suggestion of a central committee because I hope the work may be done in the name of the Vermont federation. To this committee may be sent such funds as each club may be able to furnish. All libraries shall bear upon their cases and be known by the names of their donors: as, for instance, The Lyndonville Woman's Club Library. The donors may expect a report of the good their own library is doing.

The central committee shall formulate certain regulations, and when the libraries are ready make known in some public way, that they will be sent upon demand to such as make application for them and comply with their simple regulations.

My second suggestion is that this federation appoint a second committee whose duty it shall be to arouse the press of the State to interest in this movement; to collect definite information concerning the laws prevailing in such States as have legislated on this subject; to disseminate useful information among such senators and representatives as shall be elected next September. Their mission in short is to arouse public sentiment. This committee might be five or seven in number representing different sections of the State.

With these two recommendations I leave the matter with you. Every one of you must be a missionary in this cause. You are now warmed and enthusiastic I dare to hope, but when you meet your clubs it will depend upon you whether they become warm and enthusiastic too.

How Vermont Woman's Clubs may help the Library Commission.

BY MISS MARY L. TITCOMB.

I have been asked to say a word to you to-day on "How the Vermont Woman's Clubs can help the Library Commission," but perhaps it will not be amiss if I first tell you something of the establishment, scope and object of the Commission. In 1894, the Hon. L. D. Hazen,

of St. Johnsbury, incited thereto by the trustees and librarian of the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, introduced a bill before the Legislature which provided for the appointment by the Governor of a board of five library commissioners who were to have a general supervision of the library interests of the state of Vermont. Their work was to be largely advisory; they were to hold themselves in readiness to answer questions and to give advice as to methods, management, maintenance and establishment of libraries, in short to constitute themselves library missionaries for the state. The bill also provided that any town which voted to establish a public library, appointed a board of five trustees, and voted to appropriate annually a certain per cent on their grand list, should be entitled to one hundred dollars worth of books from the state. The selection and purchase of these books was also left to the Library Commissioners. During the two years following the passage of this bill, sixty towns took advantage of the law. At the present time there are eighty-four towns in the state which have libraries which are the result of this law, conclusive evidence that the state was ripe for a measure of the kind. Perhaps you will see more clearly what the establishment of these libraries means, if I tell you that to-day there are only twenty-nine free libraries in the state which have not received aid under this law. To make an end of statistics, which, though necessary, are always tiresome: there are now one hundred and thirty-four towns in the state which have no free library. Twenty-nine of these towns have libraries which are not free, being supported by subscription, or free to stockholders only.

Now we shall not be satisfied as a Commission until we can show an even better record than Massachusetts, which, with a law similar to our own, reports to-day only four towns within its borders which have not a free library. But in order to do the work which should be accomplished, we wish at the next session of the Legislature to ask for some further legislation in our favor. First, the Commission is greatly hampered in effectiveness by its lack of funds. Our present law allows only three hundred dollars annually for expenses and though the members of the board serve entirely without remuneration, you can readily see that such a sum does not permit of anything but the most rigid, and often the most unwise, economy. It is not seldom that we have to leave something undone which we feel would greatly further the work, simply because we cannot afford it. Then we consider that the time has come when the traveling library should be introduced to supplement the work already begun in the smaller towns, and to arouse other towns to an interest in the establishment of a library.

Let me show you just why the traveling library is exactly what we need at this point in our work. The amount which the state requires for the yearly support of a library is very small; namely, not less than fifty dollars if its grand list is ten thousand dollars and upwards; not less than twenty-five dollars if its grand list is below ten thousand and over twenty-five hundred dollars, and not less than fifteen dollars if its grand list falls below twenty-five hundred dollars. Most of the libraries established fall within the fifteen and twenty-five dollar rate. Of the eighty-four towns on our list only eight have grand lists sufficiently

large to require them to appropriate fifty dollars. You will at once see that however small the town, or however great the economy and philanthropy of the librarian, who in most instances gives her services, a library cannot thrive on this sum and other means must be devised to keep it alive.

I once heard a distinguished divine remark that the principal income of the churches in Vermont was derived from church suppers, sales, entertainments, etc. The same remark might be made with equal truth of the libraries of the state. One town sets aside the Fourth of July as Library Day, and the proceeds from the foot ball game, the potato race, and all the other features of the time-honored Fourth of July programme go to swell the funds of the library. From this original method of raising money, we run the whole gamut of suppers, sales, dramatic entertainments, etc., with once in a while good fortune in the shape of a summer visitor. But only the larger of the small towns can resort successfully to these methods. Many of the towns are really too small to have entertainments, and it is useless to ask for more than the absolutely required sum at the annual town meeting. On the whole, Vermont is a well-to-do state, but still we have many towns so poor that if a spring freshet should carry away a bridge, the town fathers would have to bond the town, in order to raise fifty dollars with which to repair it. Now what can be done to help these little libraries? The answer comes from the experience of other states which have proved that the traveling library system is the best to keep these struggling libraries alive, as well as to encourage other small towns to establish them. For the furtherance of this object we are looking to you for help. All over the country the Woman's Clubs are doing just this work. To-day, if any state wishes to establish a library commission the first thing to do is to interest the State Federation. In Indiana a bill recently passed the legislature providing for a Commission and I think you will be interested to hear how it was accomplished, and so I am going to read you an extract from a paper read by Miss Browning of the Indianapolis Public Library at the meeting of the American Library Association held at Atlanta, Ga., last spring. The paper is entitled "How Woman's Clubs may help the Library Movement" and is very suggestive, but I will only quote a small part. "In June, 1897, at the annual meeting of the Union of Clubs a resolution was offered 'That the president of the Union of Clubs appoint a committee of five, of which she should be one, to cooperate with the Library Association of Indiana in framing a law which shall secure to Indiana a Library Commission, and this committee to report progress at the next annual meeting of the Union of Clubs.'" The resolution was carried and a committee appointed.

The chairman and other members of the committee visited libraries, attended library association meetings, and wrote to those posted on the subject until they were well up in three things: What they knew they wanted, and thought the state ought to give them; what they thought the joint committee from the Union of Clubs and the Library Association might endorse, and what they hoped the General Assembly might grant. The first included a practically unlimited income—which they

knew they could never get. The second included more good points than the General Assembly could be expected to grant; and the last made a bold stand for a library commission, traveling libraries and the right of the citizens to vote to establish township libraries. . . .

The report of this committee to the Union of Clubs in 1898, was adopted "and the same committee was continued with instructions to draft a bill along the lines laid down in the report and get it before the General Assembly which would meet during the following winter. Thereupon began six months of hard labor on the part of the committee and its friends. They wrote to the clubs and sent copies of the report to their secretaries explaining the bill that was to be presented to the General Assembly, asking each club in the federation to see to it that a strong committee was appointed to instruct their representatives as to their wishes in this matter as soon as they were elected: and even before the election to talk to the candidates, and if possible to get pledges beforehand making the library commission bill a local issue. Immediately after the election, before they had time to forget that this was the same bill they had just heard about, the club committee sent them letters covering the same ground and asking for their support. The county newspapers were besieged in the same manner, and club women who were known to be good workers were written to personally and their services enlisted in the cause." Miss Browning then recounts some of the difficulties they encountered, with which it is not necessary that I should take your time. Suffice it to say that they accomplished their object, and Indiana to-day has a library commission.

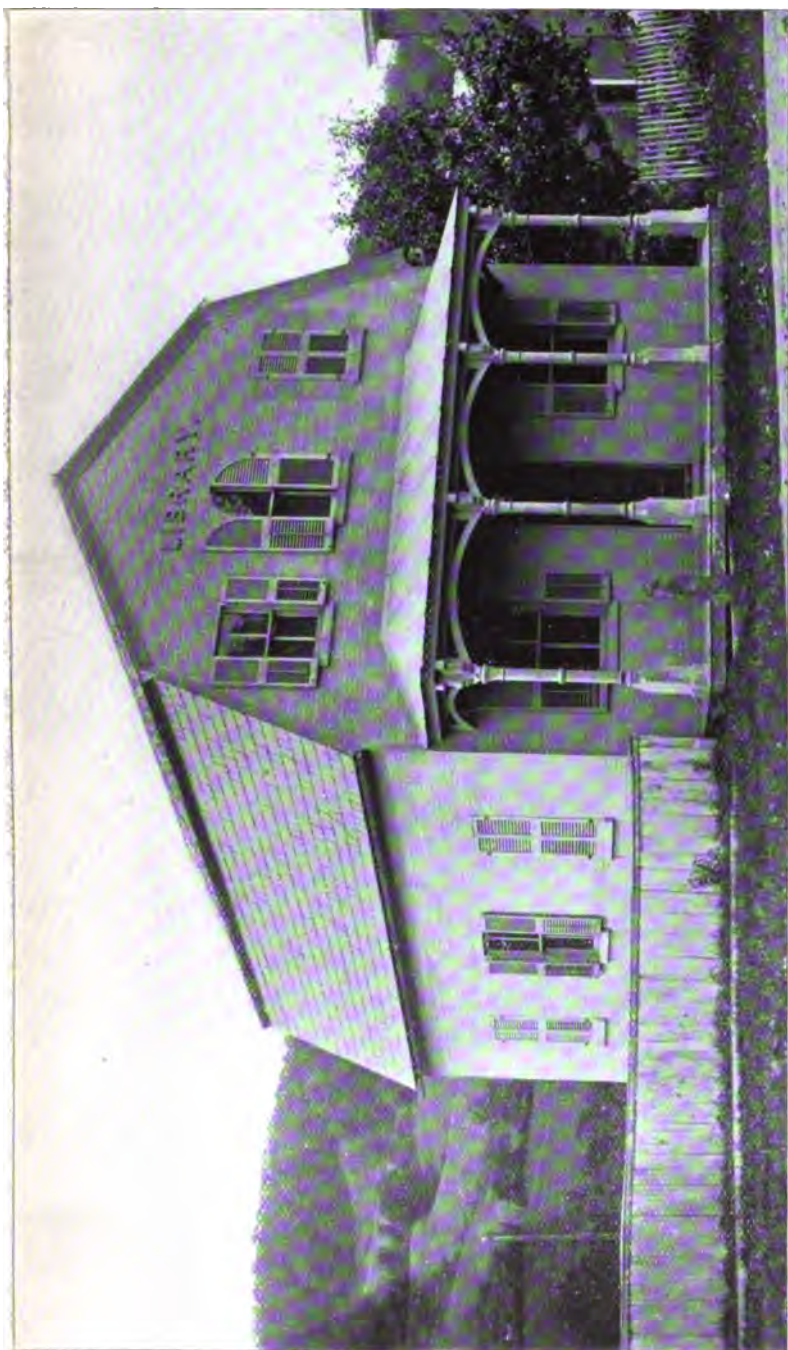
Now something similar to this might be done I think previous to the meeting of the legislature at Montpelier next year. I hope that the discussion which is to follow this meeting will develop a willingness on your part to organize in some such way as did the Indiana clubs. If you do I have not much doubt of the result. In the meantime, one of the immediate things that you can do, is for each branch of the federation to pledge themselves to send out one or more traveling libraries this year that we may have an object lesson for the legislature.

Supposing each club in your federation should gather up books, or raise money to equip at least one traveling library, what a help it would be to the movement. And how much good it might accomplish! I have in mind a little library that was established this year. The tax of fifteen dollars was all exhausted in the necessary preparations so that they had only the state grant of books, and two weeks after the reception of these, the minister of the place who is also the chairman of the board of trustees, writes me saying, "In the two weeks since our library has been opened we have issued fifty-seven borrowers cards. As we had only ninety-seven books to begin with, you can judge how our shelves look!" He then goes on to say that the interest is increasing and that he thinks there will be no difficulty in inducing the voters to appropriate more than the absolutely necessary sum at the next town meeting if they can devise ways and means to keep it alive until then. In a case like this, what a help it would be if one of your branches could send them twenty-five or fifty books to tide them

over until the next town meeting. I could multiply examples of places in which we could use these libraries to advantage, but I will not take your time because there is another matter I wish to speak about in which you could be a great help to the Commission.

We, of the Commission, all believers in free libraries, hope that you also are convinced that it is only through the absolutely free distribution of books that the greatest good can be accomplished. Some of you may perhaps live in towns, or may have in your mind, places which have libraries which are supported by subscription, or are free to stockholders only. In some places the location of the library and the difficulty of so arranging matters that all parts of the town shall benefit alike, is responsible for the fact that the library has not been made free. Others have been deterred by the fear that if the library should fall into the hands of the town, politics would interfere with its usefulness. A study of the last report of the Commission will, I think, convince you that in many cases these obstacles have been successfully overcome. Neither is it always necessary that the library should be given to the town. Often it may be made free, and gladly supported by a vote of the people, while the management remains in the hands of the trustees, or of an association. We have a law upon our statute book providing for just such cases. It is not the ownership of the books that I am anxious about, but only that every one should have free access to them. And here, you can help us by your influence. The theory that what one pays nothing for, becomes of no value in the owner's eyes, may be true in most cases, but certainly the free library is the exception that proves the rule. That "earth gets its price for what earth gives us," may be true of most things, but should be no more true of healthful inspiring books than of the sunshine and air, the fragrance of the flowers, the splendor of the autumnal tints, or any of the soft influences of nature.

I have refrained from speaking to you of the need of libraries in our small towns because I have felt that to be an almost foregone conclusion, but there is one phase of the question which has been so impressed upon me in connection with my work on the Commission that I must just allude to it. It is this, that in some, yes, in many of our towns where the state library goes, it is an even more potent factor for good than the church itself can be. The reaction from the stern doctrines of our Puritan ancestors has brought with it a condition of rationalism most difficult to deal with. It will not last, the pendulum will soon swing back, for the progress of the ages though sometimes retarded, is never stopped; but just now we have, first, the small town with its struggling church or churches, kept together by a handful of the faithful, while the majority care nothing for the church or what it represents, and then we have also many towns which have absolutely no religious influence brought to bear upon them, whose people only see a minister when some one is married or when some one dies. The older generation, bred in the doctrines of their fathers, have thrown aside the teachings which shadowed their childhood, while the younger people have not even tradition to influence them. They simply do not care. But for them, as for the Scotch, the printed book holds the key



HARRIS LIBRARY, STRAFFORD, VT.



LATHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, THETFORD, VT.

to the good things in life. You have yet to find the Vermonter, however illiterate he may be himself, or however unambitious he may seem, who does not want his boy or his girl to have a chance. And "to have a chance" in nine cases out of ten, means access to knowledge or to books as the source of knowledge.

Looked at in this way, the worker in the library field is almost overwhelmed by the greatness of the opportunity for good through the means of the free library. Wholesome, well selected books, books not only for the gathering of knowledge, or for amusement, but also books which carry with them an atmosphere of healthful inspiration, like some lives we all know, unconsciously preaching the sweet gospel of service to man, must of necessity lead to a better knowledge of service to God. I need not urge your cooperation in a work like this, for I know that when once your attention is called to the need and the opportunity, you will be eager and glad to be a part of what is one of the great upward movements of the time.

Traveling Libraries.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE OF VERMONT FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUBS.

The library committee of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs have been working to introduce the traveling library movement into Vermont. The subject was presented at the state meeting at Lyndonville in October, 1899, in two papers; one on traveling libraries in general, and the other on the topic "How can traveling libraries aid the commission?" As a result of this movement the committee has received money for the purchase of eight libraries, and books to constitute four more. These at present writing are as follows:

The Lyndon Woman's Club library, at Jamaica.

Barre library, at East Barre.

Daughters of Vermont library, at Worcester.

Morrisville Woman's Club library, at Moretown.

Rutland Fortnightly library, at Sudbury.

St. Johnsbury Woman's Club library, at East Barnet.

The committee has still in its hands not quite ready to go out Lyndonville Shakespeare Club library, St. Albans library, Rutland Federated Clubs library, St. Johnsbury Woman's Club library No. 2, Grosvenor library, Peabody library. The libraries average thirty volumes, though two contain fifty. Those selected by the committee have had twelve volumes fiction, nine volumes children's books, and nine volumes miscellaneous. They have been sent upon application to towns having no library privileges. The only expense to the recipient is the cost of transportation. So much for what has been accomplished. Now as to the future.

What we wish is that the legislature appropriate a certain sum to be used for the purchase of further libraries and that the care of the

same be made a part of the commission's work. The number of applications received by the committee indicate that there is a demand for the libraries.

There are three classes of towns in our state in which the traveling library has a mission.

First. Those towns having a grand list too small to yield an income sufficient for the support of a free library.

Second. Those towns having a free library, but which contain several scattered hamlets which cannot conveniently avail themselves of its privileges.

Third. Those towns in which libraries have been established on the fifteen or twenty-five dollar rate. Of these there are many. The commission has on its list eighty-four towns of which only eight have grand lists sufficiently large to require them to appropriate fifty dollars. The loan of a case of fresh books every six months to these little libraries will do everything to foster an interest in them.

I know of no way in which a thousand dollars could be made to do more good in Vermont than in aid of this movement. We bespeak your interest and help.

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Braintree.—The Braintree Public Library was established in 1900. It is a free public library, supported by an annual tax of \$25. Miss Elgiva Pratt is librarian.

Burlington.—*Library of the University of Vermont.*—Among the valuable gifts received during the last two years are the following:

A choice collection of books and pamphlets relating to the civil war from General Rush C. Hawkins, LL.D., of New York city. This comprises over 1,700 volumes, and includes histories general and special, biographies, military criticism, general orders, rosters, war stories, lampoons, war poetry, southern school books, etc., etc. This is arranged in a separate room for convenience of consultation.

A friend whose name is withheld has given the Jesuit Relations and Allied Documents, of which 68 volumes are already published. This great work is simply indispensable to the student of early North American history. It is also a lasting monument to the Christian zeal and dauntless courage of the Jesuit missionaries.

By the generosity of a few friends of the Hon. L. E. Chittenden (of New York) and of the University, that gentleman's large collection of books and pamphlets relating to Vermont—the result of fifty years' zealous search—was added to the already extensive holdings of the University in the same department. This addition embraces over 2,600 titles, and with most of the other Vermont documents and literature is placed in a special alcove. Mr. Chittenden's engravings and works on engraving are also worthy of mention. A copy of Jackson's Treatise on Wood Engraving, extended to four thick volumes by the insertion of over 1,000 illustrations selected and mounted by Mr. Chittenden's own hand, will interest all admirers of the graver's art.

Just before commencement in 1899 there was received from B. F. Stevens, L. H. D., of London, a consignment of 2,845 volumes. This is to be known as the Stevens-Whittinghams gift, as it consists in large part of the volumes printed by the famous house of the Whittinghams during nearly a hundred years. Mr. Stevens married a daughter of the younger Whittingham, and was for many years a partner in the Chiswick Press. This adds materially to the English literature side of the library and supplies many rare old volumes, with numerous treatises on "the art preservative."

One hundred and sixty volumes of agricultural papers were presented by Russell Wales Taft of Burlington, class of 1898.

Nearly 400 volumes, chiefly theological, have been given by the sons of Rev. M. N. Hutchinson, late of Burlington.

Numerous other donors have made valuable contributions. Of special interest to all Vermonters is a portrait of General Ira Allen, founder of the State University, and co-founder of the State of Vermont. This is

a very satisfactory copy by Thomas W. Wood, of New York and Montpelier, of an exquisite miniature supposed to have been made in Paris.

The present number of volumes already shelved is 57,000; about 3,000 (not duplicates) are not yet accessioned.

The library is open, in term time, continuously from 8.30 a. m. to 6 p. m., and for a time every Sunday afternoon; in vacations, from 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 4 p. m.

Persons not belonging to the University are welcome (under the necessary rules) to use the library for reading and consultation. Books are loaned only to those who are known, or properly vouched for, to the library authorities.

Cambridge.—The Cambridge Town Library was established with State aid January 27, 1900. It maintains two branches, one at Jeffersonville and the other at Cambridge. It is open Saturdays from 2 to 5 o'clock p. m. It contains 250 volumes. Linus Leavens, chairman of the board of trustees, is librarian of the Cambridge branch. Miss Marion Page is librarian of the Jeffersonville branch.

Essex.—The Essex Free Library, established in March, 1899, by State aid, is supported by an annual appropriation of \$50. It is located at Essex Junction and maintains a branch at Essex Center. Both libraries are open Saturdays from 2 to 5 o'clock and from 6.30 to 9 o'clock p. m. S. A. Brownell is librarian and J. S. Reynolds secretary and treasurer.

Fairfax.—Fairfax Free Library was established with State aid March 1899, opened August, 1899, and is supported by an annual appropriation of \$25 and funds raised in various ways by the citizens. It is open Mondays from 9 a. m. to 12 m., Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p. m. Librarian is Eliza I. Purmort.

Greensboro.—Mr. H. S. Tolman is erecting entirely at his own expense a building suitable in size, finish and equipment for the needs of a good library of many hundreds of volumes. The building is upon a lot belonging to Mr. Tolman, pleasantly and most conveniently located with reference to the centers of business of the village. The building will be finished in hardwood, well lighted, provided with shelves adequate for all possible immediate needs, and with ample room for more book shelves whenever they may be required. The cost, together with the grading of the lot, will probably be about \$1,000. Mr. Tolman has made no public declaration of what disposition he intends to make of the building, but it is generally understood that if the town of Greensboro will take favorable action in regard to maintaining a library, it will be for the use of such library upon terms entirely satisfactory to all concerned.

Jericho.—Jericho Town Library was established in March, 1899, with State aid and an annual appropriation by the town of \$25, and now contains three hundred and fifty (350) volumes. The library is kept in dwelling houses in the three villages of the town, and is open one day in the week from 3 to 8 p. m. Librarian, Mrs. Jennie W. Hart; President of Trustees, L. F. Wilbur.

Lincoln.—Lincoln Free Library, established in March, 1900, with State aid and a town appropriation of \$25. The Ladies' Aid Society

gave a small library and a suitable room. They also maintain a reading room in connection with the library. The library is open Saturdays from 2 to 9 p. m. Miss Edna C. Bristol is librarian, J. S. Dodge chairman of the board of trustees.

Ludlow.—The Fletcher Memorial Library at Ludlow is being erected by Allen M. Fletcher in memory of his father, S. A. Fletcher, Sr. It is expected that it will be ready for occupancy about December 1st. The building is of pressed brick and Indiana limestone. The interior will contain two reading rooms, a large hall or delivery room, and a librarian's room, with a stack room, which will have a capacity for 18,000 volumes. About 7,000 volumes have already been purchased and are being classified and arranged in anticipation of the completion of the building. It is the intention of the donor, that not only Ludlow, but the surrounding towns shall have the privileges of the library.

Middlebury.—*College Library.*—While the establishment of the Middlebury College Library occurred some months prior to the incorporation of the college in the year 1800, its real efficiency as an educational factor in the college and community may be referred to the year 1881. Beginning with that year a period of progress commenced with the removal of the library into more commodious quarters in the north division of Painter Hall, the establishment of daily instead of weekly opening hours, followed by free access to the shelves, the adoption of a card catalogue, the employment of an assistant librarian in daily attendance, the establishment of a reading room with a selection of the best of the current periodicals on the tables, a classification and rearrangement of many departments of the library, the granting of the privileges of the library to others than those connected with the college. These, and other progressive steps, have naturally resulted in a largely increased use of the library, especially by the student body and the teachers and pupils of the local high school.

The number of volumes in the library, exclusive of pamphlets, is now about 24,000; and the annual circulation, some 4,800 volumes.

The officials are Professor C. B. Wright, librarian, and an assistant librarian who is in daily attendance. During the greater part of the past year, in order to afford the assistant librarian more time for other work, the delivery desk has been in charge of three student-assistants, who have alternated in their attendance at the desk.

The centennial celebration of the college, at its last commencement, July 1-5, 1900, was of especial interest in consequence of subscriptions of money and books for the increase of the library, and above all, the dedication to its uses, July 3, of the Egbert Starr Library building. This event was the fruition of the hopes expressed in the last biennial report. A bequest of \$50,000 from Egbert Starr of New York city, provided for the erection of the building. It stands on the college campus southeast of Starr hall, facing the north. Built of marble, in the classical style of architecture, simple and massive in its outlines, it presents a front of 70 feet with a pillared portico over the entrance in the centre. Massive double doors of polished oak open into the vestibule, on both sides of which are handsomely fitted retiring rooms. From the vestibule one passes into the lofty and ornately finished reference and read-

ing room, extending the entire width of the front by a depth of 22 feet. Shelves around the walls are the books for reference, and those in most common use in the various departments of college work. Directly opposite the entrance doors is the delivery desk in front of the passageway leading into the stack room. Doors on both sides of this passageway open into rooms for the librarian and his assistants. The side walls of the passageway afford room for the card-catalogue cases and the librarian's reference books. The stack room is 32 feet wide and 50 feet deep, with a height of 30 feet from the basement floor, upon which is built the stack of two tiers of steel shelving of the most approved pattern. These tiers are each 7½ feet high, leaving room for a third tier above them when the needs of the library demand it. The floor of the reference room is, of course, on a level with the floor of thick ground glass at the top of the lower tier. Aisles down the centre and at the sides give access to the shelves, which are well lighted by lofty windows placed opposite the spaces between the rows of shelves. Under the main building is a commodious cellar arranged for storage and work-room purposes and the heating apparatus. The entire building is lighted by electricity, and is heated by steam with direct radiation in the stack room, and indirect in the reading room. The book capacity of the building is 90,000 volumes.

It is the hope of those entrusted with its management that the occupation of the Egbert Starr Library building begins a new era in the progress and usefulness of the Middlebury College Library.

C. E. PRENTISS,

Assistant Librarian.

Middlebury College Library, Middlebury, Vt., August 28, 1900.

Middletown Springs.—The Public Library of Middletown Springs was established March, 1899, with State aid and an appropriation by the town of \$80. It was open for circulation August 7, 1899. It has one hundred fifty-eight (158) volumes. Its circulation in 1899 was 786. It is open at all hours of the day, as the books are kept in a drug store. Dana S. Carpenter, librarian; Rev. H. L. Bailey, chairman of the board of trustees. There is also a ladies' circulating library in town, with nearly 100 volumes, the annual fee of which is \$1. Open Saturday afternoons.

Newfane.—The Newfane Library Association was organized in 18—. A small agricultural library and one or two other library associations were supported in Newfane previous to the establishment of the Moore Free Library, and one or more magazine clubs have generally been sustained in the town.

The Moore Free Library, incorporated October 12, 1898, opened October 29, 1898, was established by gift of Mrs. Philura C. Moore, widow of Franklin Moore of Newfane, in 1898. A beautiful wooden building, with large plate glass windows, was erected, at a cost of \$9,000, on the corner of Pleasant street, near the court house, and donated by Mrs. Moore, together with a library of about 2,100 volumes, to trustees, for the free use of all the inhabitants of Newfane. The building has an elegant reading room, supplied with suitable furniture and with the leading newspapers and magazines. There is an endowment fund of



WILDER CLUB AND LIBRARY, WILDER, VT.

\$2,000, also the gift of Mrs. Moore, the income of which is to be used towards the purchase of new books and subscriptions to periodicals. Mrs. Moore has also lately contributed a large number of new volumes to the use of the library.

The Newfane Library Association, having about 600 volumes, was disbanded after the organization of the Moore Free Library, and selections from their books donated to the latter, and donations from individuals have been received, so that the whole number of volumes, not including pamphlets and unbound books, is now about 2,500. A large part of the old library was contributed to the Wardsboro Town Library.

The Moore Library contains an unusually large proportion of solid reading. It includes a large number of scientific works and books of reference. The circulation in 1899 was 3,200 volumes.

Newport.—The following taken from a daily paper of September 2, 1899, gives a sketch of the Goodrich Memorial Library and an account of its dedication:

Newport, Vt., Sept. 1.—Notwithstanding the rain, which began this afternoon and continued all the evening, a large number gathered in Lane's opera house for the dedication exercises of the Goodrich Memorial Library.

Hon. Charles A. Prouty, for the trustees, made an eloquent and scholarly presentation address in turning over the library and its contents to the town of Newport. The response was made by Hon. C. F. Ranney in a fitting manner in behalf of the citizens.

Hon. F. A. Howland of Montpelier, a member of the state library commission, gave an instructive and historical address upon the origin and growth of the free town library system, which was listened to with marked attention.

After these exercises there was a reception at the library building, which was attended by a large number of the townspeople, who admired the beautiful building and its appointments, so well adapted for library purposes. Music was furnished by Blair's orchestra and the Percilla quartet.

The building is of brick with granite trimmings, slate roof with copper gutters, and is a handsome structure. The south and west projections extend about three feet above the cornice, the space being filled with fancy brickwork.

There is a frontage of 50 feet upon Main street and a length of 66 feet upon Field avenue, the building being two stories high with a round tower on the southwest corner 15½ feet in diameter and 66 feet to the summit. Over the front entrance is a granite tablet, with the words "Goodrich Memorial" in black letters upon it. The figures "18" and "98" appear upon the granite trimmings of the entrance.

The outer doors open into the corridor or main hall, 10 feet wide, and extending back to the stack room in the rear. At the right, as one goes in, is the children's reading room, 15½ by 18 feet, with toilet and cloak room off from it.

Farther on is another cloak room and then comes the librarian's room, 14 by 12 feet.

On the other side of the corridor is the main reading room, 20 by 25 feet. In the rear is the distributing counter and back of this the stack room 23 by 47½ feet.

Turning to the left the visitor reaches the stairway to the second story. At the left hand and directly over the stack room and of the same size is the assembly room, well lighted and commanding a fine view of Lake Memphremagog, with Bear mountain, Owls head and Mt Orford in the distance. This room will seat 150 persons.

Next is the trustees' room, corresponding to the librarian's room below, the conversation room and the art room, directly over the reading room. A broad hallway leads to all these rooms similar to the one below.

The basement contains the steam heating apparatus, packing room, storage room, coal bins, etc.

The first story is finished in antique quartered oak, except the stack room, which is in white pine. The trustees' room is in cypress, wainscotted; conversation room in hard pine, the hallway and art room in birch and the assembly room in native spruce.

The ceilings are of steel and the walls of paragon rock plaster, tinted, the floors being of hard pine, except the corridor, which is of variegated Swanton marble. The desks and chairs are of quartered oak, ornamental, in harmony with the surroundings. The stacks are of iron, with wooden shelves, and have a capacity for over 20,000 volumes. There are about 6,500 volumes in the library at present.

There are six mantels in various rooms, also pictures, statuary, and a fine collection of stuffed birds and animals in the upper hallway. In the reading room is a portrait of the donor, Converse G. Goodrich, done in India ink, also one of the finest collections of reference books in the state.

The building, furnishings, books, etc., including the services of Miss Mary L. Titcomb of Rutland, Vt., secretary of the state library commission, who classified and catalogued the books, cost about \$33,000. There remains of the estate nearly \$32,000 for an endowment fund, which will keep the library in good condition for many years to come.

The building is an ornament to Newport and is a fitting memorial to the donor and his estimable wife, both now dead.

Reading.—"The Gilbert A. Davis Library Building," the name placed upon the front, was erected in 1898-9 by Gilbert A. Davis and by him deeded in trust for the perpetual use of the inhabitants of Reading, and those living within the delivery of the Felchville postoffice. The building was formally opened and dedicated July 4, 1899, with a program of much interest and in the presence of a large audience.

The building stands on the west side of Main street in Felchville, is of brick with cobble foundation laid in cement, and on this is a belt of gray granite. It is in the form of a cross, 60 by 32 feet, one story high, with a basement for heating by a furnace and for storage purposes. The floors are of quartered oak and the inside walls and ceilings are of black ash, with exposed beams and overlays. The windows are of plate glass and provided with inside shutters. The interior is so arranged that with rolling doors, one, two or three rooms can be

used. The book room is in the rear and is provided with ample shelving, having plate glass doors.

The middle room is the reading room, is 32x24 feet and 12 feet high, well lighted and presents an attractive and cheerful appearance. The front is graced with four columns, supporting the roof, and over the main entrance we find "Reading Public Library."

The citizens and former residents have furnished the books, with the exception of the \$100 donated by the State, and the collection now numbers some 1,600 volumes. The accessions are frequent and valuable, and the books are extensively read. It is planned to have on the front memorial tablets to the memory of the soldiers of Reading.

Miss Minnie C. Fay is librarian. The trustees selected by the town are Dr. F. C. Morgan, Mrs. Ella Holden, Mrs. Mary Newton, Frank L. Holsington, and Geo. D. Burnham.

Readsboro.—What was formerly the Reading Club was organized in 1899 with State aid and a town appropriation under the name of the Readsboro Library Association. It has 454 volumes, is open daily at all hours, and issued during the last year three hundred and ninety-seven (397) books. Miss Lena Lesure is librarian.

St. Albans.—A library building is in process of construction to be known as the "Smith Memorial Building," and the original gift was from the late Hon. J. Gregory Smith, in whose will \$10,000 was bequeathed to the old town of St. Albans for a town library, and the sum of \$5,000 bequeathed to said town for the purpose of erecting a soldiers' monument.

It seemed to all parties interested that the combining of the legacies in a library building which should include a memorial hall in which suitable memorial tablets should be placed, would be more acceptable than the plan of dividing the funds. And the heirs have very generously increased the amount of the original gift sufficiently to complete the building and furnish a site for same, making the gift to the city and town about \$25,000.

The building is to contain a library and reading room on the first floor and a memorial hall for the use of the G. A. R. on the second floor.

The extreme outside dimensions are 47 feet by 56 feet 6 inches. The building is to be of red brick with Long Meadow sandstone and terracotta trimmings and cornice of specially moulded brick. Roof to be covered with black Northfield slate.

The underpinning and porch floor and steps are of black Isle La Motte marble, the underpinning being rockfaced.

This library will be finished in birch, with paneled ceiling, and for the present will contain book stacks capable of holding about 16,000 books. These stacks will be arranged at the north end of the room, which will be separated from the south end or reading room by the newspaper racks and the librarian's desk or delivery counter. A delivery window opening into the vestibule will enable the librarian to furnish books to any person who may desire, without their entering the reading room.

All the woodwork in the library and vestibule is to be stained to a mahogany finish.

The finish of the stairs and memorial hall is to be of brown ash finished in the natural, with cased beams in the ceiling, forming plastered panels, and in both the library and the memorial hall will be a large open fireplace with red brick mantel and tiling.

St. Albans (town of), makes annual appropriation for the support of the library in the city of St. Albans and has free use of its books.

Swanton.—The Swanton Free Library was established September 2, 1899, with State aid and the town appropriation of one hundred (\$100) dollars. Previous to that time the King's Daughters solicited funds and raised a little over two hundred dollars (\$200), so that the library opened with about 300 volumes. It now has 800 volumes, and its circulation from September, 1899, to July, 1900, was 8,884. It is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 2.30 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m. Miss Bessie S. Rogers is librarian.

Townshend.—Townshend Free Library established in 1899, with State aid and an annual appropriation of \$25. It has 116 volumes, is open Mondays from 6.30 to 8.30, Fridays from 4 to 7.30 p. m. Mrs. L. D. Osgood is librarian.

Waitsfield.—Waitsfield Town Library established January 24, 1900, with State aid and town appropriation of \$25. Room furnished in private dwelling. Open Wednesday afternoon and evening. It has 359 volumes; circulation from January to July, 1900, was 744. Miss Bertha E. Savage is the librarian.

Wardsboro.—The Wardsboro Free Library was established by the unanimous vote of the town to accept the provisions of the Act of 1894, at its annual March meeting, 1899. Fifteen dollars was appropriated for its support, and Spencer Robinson, D. C. Dexter, B. C. Ryder, H. E. Kidder and Geo. W. Briggs were chosen trustees. One hundred dollars worth—98 books—were received from the State; 437 volumes were donated to the town by the Fayetteville Library Association of Newfane, which with seven books purchased out of town appropriation and four presented by the Moore Free Library gives a total of 546 books now in the library.

Opened to the public, October 14th, and during two and one-half months, to January, 1900, 378 books were loaned.

In order to promote harmony and afford better facilities to all, the books were divided into four parts, one-fourth placed in each of the four villages in the town.

Librarians: Mrs. A. L. Howard, D. C. Dexter, B. C. Ryder, H. E. Kidder. No compensation.

West Haven.—West Haven Free Circulating Library was established March, 1899, with State aid and an appropriation from the town of \$25. It was opened in August, 1899, with one hundred and twenty-one (121) volumes. Mrs. S. R. Hitchcock is librarian.

West Windsor (Brownsville).—Mr. B. F. Blood, of Waltham, Mass., a native of this town, is erecting in memory of his daughter, a library building, to be known as the Mary L. Blood Memorial Library. The building is of brick with granite trimmings and large enough for all the needs of the town library. It will cost between four and five thousand dollars.

Weybridge.—About 1860 a farmers' library was organized here with about 100 agricultural books. It was established by 20 of the farmers giving \$5 each. This library did not amount to much and was soon forgotten. The books are now in the new library.

About August 6, 1897, Joshua F. Cotton, a citizen of this town, left by will the use of about \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) to Weybridge to establish a free public library. In 1899 the library organized under the laws of the State. The grand list required the town to vote the amount of \$25 in order to get from the State \$100 worth of books. This the town voted, and under the law elected five trustees, as follows: John A. James for one year, Carlton R. Smith for two years, Elmer E. Cowles for three years, Martin E. Sprague for four years, and Herbert L. Thompson for five years. Soon after March meeting the trustees organized by electing John A. James, president; Herbert L. Thompson, secretary; Carlton R. Smith, treasurer; Elmer E. Cowles, auditor, and Martin E. Sprague, librarian. Soon after organizing the trustees finished off for the use of the library a fine room in the lower part of the town hall. From the State Library Commission, the State books, a valuable and well selected list, 105 in all, were soon received. About the same time there was received a gift of about 130 books from Mr. B. W. Dodge, of New York, a former resident here. There was received several books from Hon. H. Henry Powers and Hon. Redfield Proctor, Patent Office reports.

This spring the voters in town meeting elected Henry A. Boles as trustee for five years, to take the place of John A. James, whose term had expired. Some time in June of this year the trustees bought for \$30 (thirty dollars), 106 up-to-date books, and Mr. B. W. Dodge made another gift of 234 volumes. We have now a fine up-to-date library, with some 740 volumes and six monthly magazines. The circulation is from 40 to 60 books and magazines weekly. The library is open every Saturday from 2 p. m. until 8 p. m. The circulation of books since the library was opened, September 1, 1899, has been fully 2,000 volumes. The trustees are expecting to buy more books this fall. Everyone, so far, is pleased with the library and are very thankful to Mr. Cotton for his kind remembrance of the town in which he spent his life. The trustees hope to build a library building in a few years.

Whitingham.—Whitingham Public Library was started by the Green Mountain Club, which purchased 166 volumes. In March, 1899, the town appropriated \$25, elected library trustees, and secured the \$100 worth of books from the State. It now owns 265 volumes. The library is open Wednesday afternoon, Saturday afternoon and evening. Carrie E. Chase librarian.

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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

The Board of Library Commissioners herewith submits its fourth biennial report. The laws of the State relative to public libraries, taken from "Vermont Statutes, 1894," and "Acts of 1896, 1898 and 1900," are as follows:

Chapter 48.

ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION 875. The governor shall appoint five persons, resident of the state, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof. One member of said board shall be appointed for the term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and thereafter the term of office of the commissioners shall be five years. All vacancies on said board, whether occurring by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled by the governor.

SEC. 876. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection of books, the cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library; and the board shall give such advice in regard to said matters as it shall find practicable. The board shall make a report of its doings biennially to the general assembly.

SEC. 877. Said board shall expend, upon the application of the board of library trustees of any town having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for any such town entitled to the benefits

of this section; such books shall be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and said commissioners shall select and purchase all books so provided.

SEC. 878. Any town which has voted to instruct its library trustees to make an application to the state board of library commissioners under the preceding section shall annually appropriate for the maintenance of its free public library a sum not less than fifty dollars, if its grand list is ten thousand dollars or upward, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars, if its grand list is less than ten thousand dollars, and not less than twenty-five hundred dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars, if its grand list is less than twenty-five hundred dollars.

SEC. 879. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of the two preceding sections until such town has elected a board of library trustees and voted to instruct such board to make an application to the state board of library commissioners, and until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the state board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this chapter. The provisions of sections eight hundred and eighty-nine, eight hundred and ninety and eight hundred and ninety-one, [§§ 889, 890 and 891] shall apply to the election of boards of library trustees under this section and to said trustees when so elected.

SEC. 880. Whenever any town shall have accepted the conditions prescribed by the preceding sections of this chapter, the state board of library commissioners shall so certify to the state auditor and he shall draw an order upon the treasurer, payable to said commissioners, for one hundred dollars to be expended in the purchase of books as provided in this chapter.

SEC. 881. No member of the state board of library commissioners shall receive any compensation, but the board may expend a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars annually for necessary expenses in the discharge of its duties, including all expenses for the transportation of books; and all sums lawfully expended by said board under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid from the state treasury.

SEC. 882. The state board of library commissioners shall have the power to make such rules for their own government, and for the care of the libraries which may be furnished by the state, as they may deem expedient, and not inconsistent with the laws of this state.



NORWICH LIBRARY—BOOK ROOM.

INCORPORATION OF LIBRARIES.

SEC. 883. Whenever property, real or personal, has heretofore been or shall hereafter be devised or bequeathed by last will and testament, or granted, conveyed or donated by deed or other instrument, to trustees to be applied by them to the foundation and establishment in any of the cities, villages and towns of this state of a free public library, it shall be lawful, when not otherwise provided in said will or other instrument of gift, for the acting trustees in any such case, in order to promote the better establishment, maintenance and management of such library, to cause to be formed a corporation under the provisions of the three following sections, with the rights, powers and privileges hereinafter provided.

SEC. 884. Such acting trustees may make, sign and acknowledge before any officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds in this state, and file in the office of the secretary of state, a statement in writing, in which shall be set forth the intent of such trustees to form a corporation under this chapter, a copy of the will or other instrument by which endowment of said library has been provided; the name adopted for the proposed corporation (which shall not be the name of any other corporation already existing); the city, village or town in which the library, and the principal place of business of the corporation will be located; the number of managers who may be denominated trustees, managers or directors of the corporation; and the names of the trustees, managers or directors who are to constitute the original board of such officers, and who shall hold until their successors respectively are elected and qualified, as in this chapter provided.

SEC. 885. Upon the filing in his office of such statement as aforesaid the secretary of state shall issue to the incorporators, under his hand and the seal of state, a certificate, of which the aforesaid statement shall be a part, declaring that the organization of the corporation is perfected. The incorporators shall thereupon cause such certificate to be recorded in a proper record book for the purpose, in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the said library is to be located; and thereupon the corporation shall be deemed fully organized and may proceed to carry out its corporate purposes, and may receive by conveyance, from the trustees under said will, deed or other instrument of donation, the property provided by will or otherwise as aforesaid for the endowment of said library and may hold the same in whatever form it may have

been received or conveyed by said trustees until such form shall be changed by the action of the said corporation.

SEC. 886. Organizations formed under the two preceding sections shall be bodies corporate and politic, to be known under the names stated in the respective certificates or articles of incorporation; and by such corporate names they shall have and possess the ordinary rights and incidents of corporations, and shall be capable of taking, holding and disposing of real and personal estate for all purposes of their organization. The provisions of any will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is given to said library and accepted by said trustees, managers or directors shall, as to such endowment, be a part of the organic and fundamental law of such corporation.

The trustees, managers or directors of any such corporation shall compose its members, and shall not be less than five nor more than nine in number; shall elect the officers of the corporation from their number; and shall have control and management of its affairs and property; may accept donations, and in their discretion hold the same in the form in which they are given, for all purposes of science, literature and art germane to the object and purpose of said corporation. They may fill by election, subject to the approval of the chief justice for the time being, of the supreme court of Vermont, vacancies, occurring in their own number by death, incapacity, retirement or otherwise, and may make lawful by-laws for the management of the corporation and of the library, which by-laws shall set forth what officers there shall be of the corporation, and shall define and prescribe their respective duties. They may appoint and employ from time to time such agents and employes as they may deem necessary for the efficient administration and conduct of the library and other affairs of the corporation. Whenever any trustee, manager or director shall be elected to fill any vacancy, a certificate under the seal of the corporation, giving the name of the person elected, shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk where the articles of incorporation are recorded.

Whenever, by the provisions of such will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is created, the institution endowed is declared to be and is free and public, the library and other property of such corporation shall be forever exempt from taxation.

The trustees, managers or directors of such corporation shall, in the month of January in each year, cause to be made a report to the governor of the state, for the year ending on the 31st day of

December, preceding, of the condition of the library and of the funds and other property of the corporation showing the assets and investments of such corporation in detail.

TOWN LIBRARIES.

SEC. 887. Towns may establish and maintain public libraries therein, with or without branches, for the use of the inhabitants thereof.

SEC. 888. Towns, cities and incorporated villages may appropriate for suitable buildings or rooms, and for the foundation of such library, a sum not exceeding three dollars for each of the ratable polls in such town, city, or incorporated village in the preceding year; and may also appropriate annually for the maintenance, care and increase thereof, such sum of money as said town, city, or incorporated village may vote at its annual meeting; and may receive, hold and manage any devise, bequest or gift for a public library.

SEC. 889. A town which has established, or shall hereafter establish a public library, may elect at its annual meeting a board of five trustees, who shall have full power to manage such public library, and to receive, control and manage any property which shall come into the hands of said town by gift, purchase, or bequest, for the use and benefit of such library.

SEC. 890. At the meeting when these trustees are first chosen, they shall be elected for the following terms: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, or until their respective successors are chosen. Their successors shall be elected for the term of five years, but a person chosen to fill a vacancy caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall serve only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SEC. 891. The trustees shall make a report to the annual town meeting of the condition of the library and of the management and expenditures of such moneys as have come into their hands.

SEC. 892. Moneys raised for a library shall be paid out by an agent to be appointed by the selectmen, except in towns electing library trustees.

SEC. 893. Any two library associations in the same town, formed under the general law or by a special act, may, by a majority vote of the stock of each of said associations at meetings thereof

warned for that purpose, unite with each other and assume the corporate name of either of said associations.

LIBRARIES ENTITLED TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.

SEC. 894. When a town has established a public library, said town may at any annual meeting vote to place in such library a copy of such documents and volumes heretofore received by said town for it or its town clerk's office, as it shall designate, and also a copy of such documents and volumes hereafter to be received from the state, except the Vermont reports and other books and documents provided by law to be kept in the town clerk's office, as it shall designate; the ownership of such books to continue in the town but their use to be enjoyed by the library till said town shall otherwise vote.

SEC. 895. The state librarian is directed to deliver to any town public library that shall have been voted by its town the use of books owned as above by the town, such duplicate documents and volumes published or provided by the state, as can in the judgment of the trustees of the state library be delivered without prejudice to the state library. Said books to be delivered on application stating what books have already been received from the town, and the property in said books to remain in the state but their use to be in the public library to which they shall be delivered until the state librarian shall be directed by law to demand their return to the state library.

SEC. 896. When a public library exists in a town and is not established by it, said town may at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote make the provisions named in the second preceding section in respect to use by the library of books therein named owned by the town; and in case of such vote the provisions of the preceding section shall apply to such library the same as if it were established and maintained by the town.

SEC. 897. The clerk of each town, village and city in this state shall each year supply any library in the town or city in which he lives with two copies of the annual reports (if printed) of his town, village or city; and shall also send to the state library for its use two copies of the same. Said copies shall be so delivered by the clerk within two weeks after receipt of such printed reports by him. And officers making such printed reports are hereby directed to supply the town, village or city clerk with the four copies necessary for him to comply with the provisions of this section.



NORWICH LIBRARY—READING ROOM.

Chapter 142.

CITIES AND VILLAGES.

SEC. 3138. Villages shall have the same power as towns, to establish and maintain public libraries for the use of the inhabitants therein.

Chapter 228.

COUNTY JAILS.

SEC. 5301. Jailers shall receive books given by christian churches and benevolent individuals in their respective counties, for a library for persons confined in jail. The jailers shall enter the names of the doners in a book of record, with the titles of the books, which shall be opened to the inspection of all persons. The jailer shall be librarian and shall keep safely the books in the library and distribute them to persons confined in jail, and exchange the same from time to time. But he shall not deliver books to a person who in his opinion will destroy or misuse them.

ACTS OF 1898.

No. 13.—AN ACT IN ADDITION TO SUBDIVISION VII OF SECTION 362, VERMONT STATUTES, EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION PROPERTY USED FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CIRCULATING LIBRARIES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

SECTION 1. Subdivision VII of section 362, Vermont Statutes, is amended so as to read as follows:

VII. Real and personal estate granted, sequestered, or used for public, pious or charitable uses; real and personal estate used for the purposes of a public or private circulating library open to the public and not used for profit; lands leased by towns for educational purposes, and lands owned or leased by colleges, academies, or other public schools, or leased for the support of the gospel; but private buildings on such lands, and farms owned or used by towns in the support of the poor, shall be set in the list to the owners thereof, and shall not be exempt.

Approved November 22, 1898.

NO. 34.—AN ACT IN ADDITION TO SECTION 887, VERMONT STATUTES, AUTHORIZING TOWNS TO CONTRACT WITH INCORPORATED LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE FREE USE OF BOOKS AND TO VOTE MONEY FOR THE SUPPORT OF LIBRARIES HELD IN TRUST FOR SUCH TOWNS.

SECTION 1. Section 887, Vermont Statutes, is amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 887. Towns and cities may establish and maintain public libraries therein, with or without branches, for the use of the inhabitants thereof. Any town or city may annually contract with any library or library association incorporated under the general law or by special charter to furnish books to its inhabitants free, and may appropriate money therefor; and any town or city may annually appropriate money for the maintenance, care, increase and support of any library held in trust for said town or city or the inhabitants thereof.

Approved November 26, 1898.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES, ACTS OF 1900.

NO. 32.—AN ACT IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 48 OF THE VERMONT STATUTES, PROVIDING FOR TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. The board of library commissioners may expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars annually in the purchase of books for traveling libraries and in their necessary equipment, and may also expend a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars annually for clerical labor in cataloguing and preparing these books for circulation and for other necessary work in connection therewith. All sums lawfully expended under this act shall be certified by the president of said board of commissioners to the State Auditor, who shall draw orders on the State Treasurer for the payment of the same.

SEC. 2. Said Board of Library Commissioners shall have the *full management* and control of said libraries at all times, and shall

make such rules and regulations for the use and government of the same as they may deem necessary.

SEC. 3. Any three or more citizens may organize a library association, and on compliance with the rules, regulations and requirements of the Commissioners shall, in the discretion of the Commissioners, be entitled to the use of traveling libraries, without charge further than all expenses of transportation of said libraries. Any local library, literary or other club, agricultural or other society, grange, college, seminary, university extension center, study circle or other association, on the same terms and in the discretion of the Commissioners, shall have the use of said traveling libraries.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved November 22, 1900.

NO. 44.—AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2982 OF THE VERMONT STATUTES RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY OF WOMEN TO HOLD OFFICE.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. Section 2982 of the Vermont Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2982. Women twenty-one years of age may be elected or appointed to the office of town clerk, superintendent of schools, or trustee of public libraries, if they have resided in such town one year next preceding such election or appointment.

Approved November 21, 1900.

**DOCUMENTS ISSUED BY THE STATE LIBRARY
COMMISSION.**

No. 1.

STATE OF VERMONT.

STATE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

BURLINGTON, VT., Feb. 1, 1897.

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At the session of 1894 the General Assembly passed "An Act to promote the Establishment of Free Public Libraries," which is

printed in full on another page. To assist in carrying out its provisions the undersigned Commissioners were appointed by the Governor.

During the two years since the law was enacted, sixty towns, representing every county in the State, have taken favorable action upon this matter, made the required appropriation and have received through the Commissioners the books provided by the State.

The list of books furnished the different towns were not duplicates but each list was made up by the Commissioners, with careful reference to the situation and needs of that individual town, the books already available for its use and the expressed wishes of its trustees. For this reason the number of books was not the same for all of the towns, but varied from 90 to 143.

In these towns, with the State appropriation as a nucleus, very creditable libraries have been established and are in successful operation, and the earnestness and enthusiasm in the matter everywhere manifested give great promise of their future usefulness. Many of these town libraries have been increased by gifts of books from individuals and organizations of various kinds, and in some instances liberal endowments in money have been made by persons of wealth, who saw in the public library a most useful and far-reaching channel for their benevolence.

The operation of the law during the first two years of its existence, so far as can be now judged, has been eminently successful, by setting in motion influences most potent for the social, intellectual and moral advancement of the people.

This circular is intended to direct the attention of citizens to the act referred to, that those interested in such matters may be prepared to take advantage of its provisions whenever the general interest in the establishment of a free public library in any town seems to warrant such action.

It should be understood that the amount appropriated by the State is intended to serve only as a stimulus to the formation of free public libraries, and will in itself accomplish very little if not supplemented by contributions from other sources, and the zealous interest and attention of those who, like Ben Franklin, "propose to render the benefit from books more common." The Commissioners therefore appeal to you to bring the matter of the establishment of a free public library in your town before the citizens by informal or public meetings, and to stimulate them to secure funds for the purpose by entertainments and social gatherings, or by soliciting subscriptions of money and donations of books from persons who are

interested in the intellectual welfare or material prosperity of the town.

To take advantage of the act the following articles should be inserted in the warning for the coming town meeting:

1. To see if the town will elect a board of library trustees and instruct such board to make an application to the State Board of Library Commissioners under Act No. 37, Acts of 1894.

2. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the maintenance of a free public library.

In Sec. 4 of the act printed below it will be noticed that reference is made to No. 3, Acts of 1892. The reference should doubtless be No. 53, Acts of 1892; and the Commissioners suggest that the board of library trustees be elected in accordance with the provisions of No. 53, and be, as therein set forth, five in number and elected when first chosen, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years and one for five years.

The Board invite correspondence, and are desirous of rendering any assistance possible toward the formation and effective management of free public libraries.

When trustees have been elected by any town they will receive, on communication with the secretary of the Board, blanks and instructions enabling them to secure the benefits of the act.

S. W. LANDON, *Chairman*, Burlington,
H. E. RUSTEDT, Richford,
FRED A. HOWLAND, Montpelier,
Miss MARY L. TITCOMB, *Secretary*, Rutland,
Miss LOUISE L. BARTLETT, St. Johnsbury,
State Board of Library Commissioners.

[Followed by text of "An Act to promote the establishment of free public libraries."]

No. 2.

To be attached to the
Application of the Trustees.

STATE OF VERMONT.

CERTIFICATE OF TOWN CLERK.

.....Vt.,.....189

To the Board of Library Commissioners:

I,.....Town Clerk of.....Vermont,
hereby certify that at the annual town meeting of said town held

on the first Tuesday of March, 189 , the following named persons were elected a board of library trustees for the terms specified :

(Name.)

(Term for which elected.)

That at said March meeting the town voted to instruct such board to make application to the State Board of Library Commissioners under Act No. 37 of the Acts of 1894:

That at said meeting the town further voted an appropriation for the maintenance of its free public library in the sum of..... dollars; and that the grand list of said town when said vote was taken was.....

I further certify that the town of..... has no free public library owned or controlled thereby, and that the action hereinbefore set forth was taken pursuant to the following articles inserted in the warning for said town meeting :

Town Clerk of....., Vermont.

No. 3.

(Attach to this the certificate of the Town Clerk.)

STATE OF VERMONT.

APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

....., Vt.,.....189

To the Board of Library Commissioners :

The Library Trustees of the town of Vermont, elected as specified in the attached certificate of the Town Clerk, hereby make application, under the provisions of Act 37 of the Acts of 1894, for the appropriation of \$100 therein made by the State.

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Chairman Board of Trustees.

No. 4.

STATE OF VERMONT.
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

To the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees :

....., Vermont.

DEAR SIR :

Section 4 of No. 37 of the Acts of 1894, entitled, "An act to promote the establishment of free public libraries," reads in part as follows :

"No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has elected a board of library trustees and *until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the State Board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act.*"

In view of the obligation thus resting upon the State Board of Library Commissioners, you are requested to make answer to the following questions.

1. What provision has been made for a library room and where is it located?

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2. Who is to be the librarian, if determined, and what, if any, compensation is to be paid?

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3. What days and hours is the library to be kept open for the loan and return of books?

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4. Are any books already available or soon to be turned over to the town as a part of the free public library? If so, please furnish the secretary of the State Board with a complete list of such books, that they may not be duplicated.

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5. Is there any library already established in the town? If so, please state the approximate number of books in it, its condition, and in a general way the terms upon which books are loaned.

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6. By what name is your library to be known?

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It is suggested that you keep a book, containing a record of all books furnished by the State, and enter in this book a record of each volume added to the library from whatever source.

While it is the duty of the State Board to eventually decide upon the books to be furnished each town, they would nevertheless be pleased to receive voluntary suggestions from the trustees in each town as to the character of books preferred, or even to receive lists of books considered desirable if any trustees wish to submit them. Since, however, the responsibility for the selection to be made rests upon the State Board alone they cannot promise to follow suggestions made by trustees further than their judgment approves.

The Secretary of the State Board is prepared to furnish library cards and book slips suited to your library at the cost of procuring them.

Respectfully,

MARY L. TITCOMB, *Secretary*,
Rutland, Vt.

....., 189

No. 5.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

MR. S. W. LANDON, GREENSBORO, *Chairman*.
MRS. M. H. BUCKHAM, Burlington, *Secretary*.
MR. H. E. RUSTEDT, Richford.
MR. FRED A. HOWLAND, Montpelier.
MRS. WALTER P. SMITH, St. Johnsbury.



RESIDENCE OF MRS. L. R. STURTEVANT, HARTLAND,
WHERE THE HARTLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY IS KEPT.

VALUE OF PERIODICALS.

The Commission wish to call the attention of such libraries as are not now making collections of magazine literature to the great value of such collections for reference work; and, if the magazines are bound, for general circulation. For little more than the cost of binding, libraries may acquire invaluable material. If a library cannot afford to bind, the magazines may still be made very convenient for use by tying them neatly into volumes, arranged by volume and number, not by year and month. The St. Nicholas, Harper's Round Table, and Youth's Companion will be found invaluable for work in the schools; the Forum, North American Review and Outlook for the high school debating societies; the Century, Harper's monthly and Scribner's magazine for travel, art and literature clubs.

COLLECTING PERIODICALS.

A systematic collection of periodicals should be made in every town. Libraries will find that a great amount of material will be discovered by advertising the needs of libraries through the newspapers, the women's clubs, and the young people of the high school. The beginning of the year and the house cleaning season are especially good times to make an appeal. Advertise in the papers that on a certain day collectors will call at every door for contributions of periodicals.

CLEARING HOUSE FOR PERIODICALS.

In the hope of helping the libraries of the state to build up reference collections of magazines, the Commission has established a clearing house for periodicals. It is the purpose of the clearing house to supply volumes or parts of volumes needed by libraries to complete sets. In return the libraries are expected to send all duplicates to the clearing house, that other libraries may be likewise benefitted.

HOW TO BENEFIT BY IT.

In making a list, the librarian should designate with accuracy the magazines wanted. It is well not only to give volume and number, but also date of publication. In case of complete volumes, the dates covered should be indicated, of single numbers, the several dates; for example, Century, v. 40, May-Oct., 1890. Century, v. 41, No. 3, Jan., 1891. The Commission will pay for transportation of all material received, and send to libraries freight or express

unpaid. Correspondence on this subject is solicited by the Commission.

VALUE OF INDEXES.

If the magazines are to be used for references an index is a necessity. These have heretofore been very expensive, but during the last year an abridged index has been issued, referring to nearly thirty periodicals, which furnishes in convenient form the help needed. It is called Poole's abridged index, and is published by Houghton; price, twelve dollars. Many libraries cannot now afford to buy the index. But do not fail on that account to begin your collection of periodicals.

J. S. Sargent's Reading for the young and supplement, published by the Library Bureau at \$1.50 indexes St. Nicholas, Harper's Round Table and Youth's Companion up to 1895.

MOST IMPORTANT MAGAZINES.

Date is of first number of first volume. The asterisk indicates the periodical most useful to the smaller libraries.

Atlantic Monthly. Nov. 1857.

——Index, v. 1-62. 1889.

*Century illustrated monthly magazine. Nov., 1881.

Continuation of Scribner's monthly, v. 23-date.

Cosmopolitan. March, 1886.

*Forum. March, 1886.

*Harper's new monthly magazine, June, 1850.

——Index- v. 1-85. 1893.

*Harper's round table. April, 1895-Oct., 1899.

Continuation of Harper's young people (1879-95).

*McClure's magazine. June, 1893.

New England magazine, Jan. 1886.

Continuation of Bay state monthly (1884-86), v. 4-date.

*North American review. May, 1815.

——Index, v. 1-131, 1880.

*Outlook. July, 1893.

Continuation of Christian union (1870-93), v. 48-date.

Popular science monthly. May, 1878.

——Index, v. 1-40, 1893.

*Review of Reviews (American edition). Jan., 1890.

*St. Nicholas. Nov., 1873.

Griswold Index to St. Nicholas, v. 1-21. 1896.

Scientific American. Sept., 1845.

——Supplement, Jan. 1876.

—— Index to valuable papers. 1898.

*Scribner's magazine. Jan., 1887.

Scribner's monthly. Nov., 1870–Oct., 1881.

Continued by Century from v. 23–date.

World's Work, Nov., 1900.

*Youth's Companion. 1827.

No. 6.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SMALL LIBRARIES.

(Some years ago the Secretary of the Commission prepared a document entitled *Suggestions to Librarians of Small Libraries*. The present Secretary has revised that paper, and it has been re-issued in 1902 in the following form:)

TO THE TRUSTEES.—As so much depends upon the personality of the person in charge of even a small library, select, if possible, a librarian who has executive ability, tact, a fondness for books, an interest in and sympathy for children, and one who will not hesitate to inform herself as speedily as possible of the best library methods.

TO THE LIBRARIAN.—Since it lies in your power to make the library an immense power in the community think constantly and with enthusiasm of what you can do to increase its usefulness and growth. If possible, give your readers free access to the shelves and always be ready to suggest to those who are unacquainted with books those which will be of greatest help and inspiration. Pay especial attention to the children, letting even the youngest take books, and inspire them with pride in keeping the volumes clean and uninjured. Collect all printed matter of local interest which will aid in preserving the history of the place, no matter how unimportant and worthless it may seem at the time. Solicit gifts of books which will be of real value, but do not hesitate to refuse tactfully those which will be of no use save to fill up the shelves. Files of magazines, bound or unbound are invaluable to any library. In the better class of these are contained the best fiction, the best poetry, the best essays, or discussions which the literary world has produced for the past fifty years. If you are unable to get full sets, or complete volumes, get odd numbers, trusting that in time you may complete your volume or set by other gifts, or by applying to

the Clearing House for magazines, in charge of two members of the Commission, Mrs. W. P. Smith, St. Johnsbury and Mrs. M. H. Buckingham, Burlington. (See Document No. 5, issued by the State Library Commission). If you can afford a copy of Poole's Index, abridged, indexing to the close of 1900, published by Houghton at \$12.00 you will be able to trace almost any article in the magazines which are likely to be in your library. Mr. Frederick Winthrop Faxon, Secretary of the American Library Association says, "Given Poole's Index and a complete set of Littell's Living Age and of Harper, more work can be done than with twice the number of reference books not periodicals."

Study well-made catalogues until you get an insight into cataloguing. Get also, through the U. S. Bureau of Education, the "A. L. A." Catalogue, and Cutter's Rules for a Dictionary Catalogue, both government publications, which will help you greatly. Do not, however, make the too common mistake of small libraries, and spend money that could be used to better advantage, on a printed catalogue. If your library grows, in a few years you will find this quite useless. Use the columns of the local paper, if there is one; if not, written lists on various topics posted in the library are a help. On the other hand, the card catalogue cannot be commenced too soon. Take and read diligently the Library Journal, or Public Libraries and lose no opportunity of visiting larger libraries or of putting yourself in communication with other librarians, whom you will find universally willing to give you the benefit of their experience. The State Library Commission also hold themselves ready to answer any questions, or give any aid and instruction in their power.

You will also find it greatly to your advantage to join the American Library Association. An explanation of the aim and scope of this organization may be had upon application to Mr. Frederick W. Faxon, Secretary A. L. A., 108 Glenway St., Dorchester, Mass.

As soon as you are able, attend some library training class during the summer, or one of the regular Library Schools, lists of which will be given at the end of these "suggestions."

SUPPLIES.—An accession book, register, shelf lists and a State Library book plate are included with each \$100 worth of books furnished by the state, also a copy of Miss M. W. Plummer's "Hints to small libraries." When you can afford it add your own book plate, a dating stamp, book labels and borrower's cards,

obtaining these from the Library Bureau, 530 Atlantic Ave., Boston, Mass., or H. J. Shanley & Co., Burlington, Vt.

ORDERING AND ENTERING BOOKS.—And first, it is better to buy a few books at a time than to wait until a large order can be sent in. A small number of new books put in circulation three or four times a year will hold the interest of the people better than a larger number shelved once a year. If not near a large town, it is best to order from some large firm in Boston or New York, who will give you from 30 to 33 per cent. discount except on net books. If, however, you are near some large local dealer, like H. J. Shanley & Co., Burlington, advantageous terms may be made with him and the cost of transportation lessened. The first step when the books arrive, is to go through the box and compare the bill with the books, checking on the bill every item that is correct. It is also well to examine each book carefully to find if it is a perfect copy.

If you have a book-plate it should be pasted inside the first cover. Ordinary flour paste with a little alum and a few drops of oil of cloves is good, and will keep for several weeks if tightly sealed. The following is a simple form of book-plate:

THE.....PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ACCESSION No.....CLASS.....

Next comes the entry of books in the accession-book thus :

| Accession No. | Class | Vol. | Author. | Title. | Place and Publisher. |
|---------------|-------|------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 21 | F | 1 | Harrison, C. C. | A bachelor maid. | N. Y. Century. |

| Date. | Pages. | Size. | Binding | Source. | Cost. | Remarks. |
|-------|--------|-------|---------|---------------------|--------|---|
| 1894. | 225. | D. | Cloth. | H. J. Shanley & Co. | \$.87 | Lost by J. Brown, paid for March 10, '96. |

It will be seen that if this is accurately kept it constitutes a complete list of books in the library. If a book is lost or worn out an exact copy may be replaced by reference to it before ordering. In case of fire the accession-book will give the exact value of every volume lost.

CLASSIFICATION.—It is well to adopt some simple form of classification. There are various systems, all good, but a library of over five hundred volumes cannot go wrong by adopting the Dewey

Decimal system, which is on the whole the most satisfactory classification which has, as yet, been worked out. A copy of the "Abridged Decimal Classification and Relative Index," which can be obtained from the Library Bureau for \$1.00, will give all the information necessary in classifying a library of moderate size and its use allows of easy expansion into the unabridged form should the change prove desirable. For the smaller library the following is a simple method. This and the charging system are recommended by Miss Hewins of the Connecticut Public Library Committee.

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| A. Arts and Amusements. | R. Reference. |
| B. Biography. | S. Science. |
| C. Children's Books. | T. Theology—Education and Sociology. |
| F. Fiction. | V. Voyages and Travels. |
| H. History. | |
| L. Literature—Essays, Poetry, Drama and Magazines. | |

The class letter, besides being written on the book-plate, should be placed on a label (Dennison's No. 209 is a good size) and pasted on the back of the book. Books should be charged under the accession number, but should be kept on the shelf under the author's name. That is, keep all books of the same class by one author together. When you get a new one, make room for it. The following is an example of shelf arrangement:

BARR.—Between two loves.

A border shepherdess.

Paul and Christina.

BARRIE.—The little minister.

A window in Thrums.

BLACK.—A daughter of Heth.

CRAWFORD.—The Ralstons.

A Roman singer.

Books of biography are arranged alphabetically by subjects, not authors. For example:

BUNYAN, John. Venables, E. Life of John Bunyan.

BURNS, Robert. Blackie, J. S. Robert Burns.

Carlyle, T. Life of Robert Burns.

BURR, Aaron. Parton, J. Life and times of Aaron Burr.

REGISTERING NAMES.—The register consists of a blank book. At the top of each page is written or printed, "I promise to obey the rules of the _____ library," and each line drawn down the page is numbered. Have the applicant for the book sign his name

and address under the pledge. The number at the left of the line will then be used as his card number. Do not require any age limit for your readers. After registering, provide each reader with a card similar to this:

THE.....PUBLIC LIBRARY.

NAME.....No.....

| LOANED. | BOOK. | RETURNED. | LOANED. | BOOK. | RETURNED. |
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On the reverse side rules similar to the following should be printed.

The Library is open.....from.....to.....

1. This card gives the owner a right to take out one book. It must always be presented when a book is borrowed, returned or renewed.

2. If this card is lost, two cents must be paid for a new one.

3. If the place of residence of the owner is changed notice must be sent to the Library. This card must be returned if the owner moves out of town.

4. Books can be kept fourteen days, unless otherwise specified, and may be renewed once if not in demand.

5. A fine of one cent a day and cost of recovery must be paid for books kept over time.

6. The owner of a card is responsible for all books and fines charged against him. All books lost or injured must be paid for.

7. Any person intentionally breaking the rules of the Library may be deprived of its use at the discretion of the Trustees.

8. A person who wilfully and maliciously writes upon or injures a book, plate, picture, engraving or statue belonging to a law, town or public library, shall be fined not less than five dollars and not more than one thousand dollars.—*Extract from Revised Laws of Vt., Chap. 165, Sec. 4216.*

(These cards may be obtained of H. J. Shanley & Co., Burlington, at \$1.50 a thousand).

CHARGING BOOKS.—There are various charging systems, but a simple way is for the librarian to cut out from manila paper a number of slips of convenient size, say six inches high and eight wide. These slips should be ruled on both sides, across the page in

blue and down in red, the red lines being half an inch apart. Leave a half-inch space at the top of the page, and write the reader's name and card number on the first line. When a book is drawn stamp the date upon the slip, then write either the accession number or the title of the book. Below is a specimen of three lines of the slip:

| RICE, WILLIAM A. | | | | 53. | | | |
|------------------|-----|--------|--|-----|--|--|--|
| May 4 | 506 | May 18 | | | | | |
| May 18 | 217 | May 26 | | | | | |
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The borrower's card should then be stamped with the date in the space marked "Loaned," and the accession number placed in the space marked "Book."

When the day's work is done, sort the slips, arranging them in order of the borrower's names and put them together in a box of suitable size, headed by a slip marked with the date. Upon the return of the book, look at the borrower's card; note there the date when loaned and the borrower's name. Then from your slips remove the one with the corresponding name and stamp the date of return upon it and also on the borrower's card. If you do not use a stamp the date may be written.

SHELF LIST.—For the purposes of a small catalogue and for the sake of making the work a little more systematic, it is advisable to keep a shelf list. Write it on one side, on the pages provided by the state for the purpose, and keep them carefully arranged in large manila envelopes. The form of entry is like this:

| Class F. | | | |
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| Accession No. | Vol. | Author. | Title. |
| 62 | | Stockton, F. R. | Adventures of Captain Horn. |
| 80 | | Stowe, H. B. | Oldtown folks. |
| 123 | | | Uncle Tom's cabin. |
| 46 | | Stuart, R. McE. | Story of Babette |

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DANA, *Mrs.* F. T. How to know the wild flowers.
 MILLER, O. T. First book of birds.
 PRUDDEN, T. M. Bacteria.
 Drinking water and ice supplies.
 ST. JOHN, T. M. Things a boy should know about electricity.
 THOMPSON, E. S. Wild animals I have known.
 WRIGHT, M. O. Citizen bird.

THEOLOGY, EDUCATION AND SOCIOLOGY.

- CANDEE, H. C. How women may earn a living.
 HADLEY, A. T. Education of the American citizen.
 HARRISON, BENJAMIN. This country of ours.
 MÜNSTERBERG, HUGO. American traits.
 PLUMMER, M. W. Hints to small libraries.
 WYCKOFF, W. A. Workers.

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

- CLARK, F. E. New way around an old world.
 DEVEREUX, Mrs. ROY. Side lights on South Africa.
 LYNCH, HANNAH. French life in town and country.
 SMITH, A. P. Chinese characteristics.
 STEVENS, J. E. Yesterdays in the Philippines.

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES.

The towns are classified according to their free library privileges as follows:

CLASS 1.

Towns which have libraries owned and controlled by the town and free for circulation to all the people. (All towns in this list excepting those marked † have organized their libraries with State Aid.)

| | | |
|---------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Addison, | Fairfax, | Marshfield, |
| Alburg, | Fairfield, | Middletown Springs, |
| Andover, | Fletcher, | Milton, |
| Athens, | Franklin, | Montgomery, |
| Barnet, | Georgia, | New Haven, |
| Barton, | Grafton, | Newport, |
| Benson, | Granby, | Northfield, |
| Braintree, | Granville, | Orange, |
| †Brattleboro, | Greensboro, | Orwell, |
| Brighton, | Groton, | Peru, |
| Bristol, | †Guilford, | Pittsfield, |
| Cabot, | Hardwick, | Pomfret, |
| Cambridge, | Hartland, | Poultney, |
| Canaan, | Highgate, | Putney, |
| Castleton, | Hinesburgh, | Randolph, |
| †Cavendish, | Hyde Park, | Reading, |
| †Chelsea, | Isle La Motte, | Readsboro. |
| †Chester, | Jericho, | †Richford, |
| Chittenden, | Johnson, | †Richmond, |
| Concord, | Kirby, | Ripton, |
| Enosburg, | Landgrove, | Rochester, |
| Essex, | Lincoln, | †Rockingham, |
| †Fair Haven, | Lunenburg, | Royalton, |
| Fairlee, | Lyndon, | Ryegate, |

| | | |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Salisbury, | Sutton, | Westford, |
| †St. Albans, | Swanton, | West Haven, |
| §St. Albans (Town of), | Townshend, | Westmore, |
| Sharon, | Vershire, | Weston, |
| Shelburne, | Victory, | West Windsor, |
| Sheldon, | Waitsfield, | Weybridge, |
| Shoreham, | Walden, | Wheelock, |
| South Hero, | Wardsboro, | Whitingham, |
| Stamford, | Warren, | Wilmington, |
| Stockbridge, | Washington, | Windham, |
| †Stowe, | Waterford, | Woodbury,—109. |
| †Strafford, | Waterville, | |
| Sunderland, | Westfield, | |

CLASS 2.

Towns which have free libraries in which the town has some representation in the management.

| | | |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Bennington, | Burlington, | Springfield,—3. |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|

CLASS 3.

Towns in which there are free libraries to which the town appropriates money, but is not represented in the management.

| | | |
|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Bethel, | Newbury, | West Rutland, |
| Guildhall, | Pittsford, | Windsor,—10. |
| Maidstone, | Rutland, | |
| Morristown, | Wallingford, | |

CLASS 4.

Towns in which there are free libraries which have no connection with the town.

| | | |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Bakersfield, | Hartford, | St. Johnsbury, |
| Brandon, | Montpelier, | Ludlow, |
| Charleston, | Newfane, | Woodstock, |
| Craftsbury, | Peacham, | Thetford,—12. |

CLASS 5.

*Towns which have no free library. (Towns marked * contain libraries which are not free.)*

| | | |
|------------|------------------|--------------|
| Albany, | Barre (Town of), | Bolton, |
| Arlington, | Belvidere, | *Bradford, |
| Baltimore, | Berkshire, | Bridgewater, |
| Barnard, | Berlin, | Bridport, |
| *Barre, | Bloomfield, | *Brookfield, |

§Has free use of public library in St. Albans (City), and makes annual appropriation for its support.

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Brookline, | *Ira, | Searsburg, |
| Brownington, | Irasburgh, | *Shaftsbury, |
| Brunswick, | Jamaica, | Sheffield, |
| *Burke, | Jay, | Sherburne, |
| *Calais, | Leicester. | Shrewsbury, |
| *Charlotte, | Lemington, | Somerset, |
| Clarendon, | *Londonderry, | South Burlington |
| Colchester, | Lowell, | Stannard, |
| *Corinth, | *Manchester, | Starksboro, |
| *Cornwall, | Marlboro, | Stratton, |
| *Coventry, | Mendon, | Sudbury, |
| Danby, | *Middlebury, | Tinmouth, |
| *Danville, | Middlesex, | Topsham, |
| Derby, | Monkton, | Troy, |
| *Dorset, | Moretown, | Tunbridge, |
| Dover, | Morgan, | *Underhill, |
| *Dummerston, | Mt. Holly, | *Vergennes, |
| Duxbury, | Mt. Tabor, | Vernon, |
| East Haven, | *Newark, | Waltham, |
| *East Montpelier, | North Hero. | *Waterbury, |
| Eden, | Norton, | Weathersfield, |
| Elmore, | *Norwich, | Wells, |
| Fayston, | Panton, | West Fairlee, |
| Ferrisburg, | Pawlet, | Westminster, |
| Glastenbury, | Plainfield, | *Whiting, |
| Glover, | Plymouth. | *Williamstown, |
| Goshen, | Pownal, | Williston, |
| *Grand Isle, | *Proctor, | Winhall, |
| Halifax, | Roxbury, | Wolcott, |
| Hancock, | Rupert, | Woodford, |
| Holland, | Rutland (Town of), | Worcester,—112. |
| Hubbardton, | St. George, | |
| Huntington, | Sandgate, | |

CLASS 6.

Traveling Library Stations.

| | | |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Burke, | Glover, | Starksboro, |
| Colchester, | Jamaica, | Tinmouth, |
| Coventry, | Jericho, | Vernon, |
| Dummerston, | Kirby, | Waterbury Center, |
| East Barre, | Lowell, | Wells, |
| East Berkshire, | Lyndonville, | Williamstown, |
| East Hardwick, | *Plainfield, | Worcester. |
| East Montpelier, | South Woodstock, | |
| Hinesburgh, | Stamford, | |

*Library maintained by Kellogg Hubbard Library of Montpelier.



MARY L. BLOOD MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WEST WINDSOR (BROWNSVILLE).
THE GIFT OF HON. BENJAMIN F. BLOOD.

GIFTS TO LIBRARIES MADE, OR THAT HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE, SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT OF 1900.

| LIBRARY. | DONATION. | DONOR. |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Andover..... | 288 books..... | Friends. |
| Bennington..... | \$250.00..... | F. B. Jennings. |
| Brandon..... | 700.00..... | Lectures, entertainments, etc. |
| Brattleboro..... | 100.00..... | Dorman B. Eaton. |
| Brighton..... | 100.00..... | Benefit. |
| Brookfield..... | 150.00..... | Mrs. Lucinda Smith. |
| Burlington..... | 50,000.00..... | Andrew Carnegie. |
| Castleton..... | 25.00..... | Mr. Hoar. |
| Concord..... | 55.00..... | Entertainment. |
| Corinth..... | { Building costing \$15,000 | C. M. and N. Blake. |
| | { 700 vols..... | |
| Craftsbury..... | 100 vols..... | Estate of Miss Mary Scott |
| Danville..... | \$75.00..... | |
| Dorset..... | 34.00..... | Friends. |
| Enosburgh..... | 200.00..... | Olin Merrill. |
| Essex..... | 80.00..... | Entertainment. |
| Gulford..... | 50.00..... | Gulford Dramatic Club. |
| Gulldhall..... | { Building, equipment, site, | |
| | { and 500 vol..... | Col. E. C. Benton, Boston. |
| Greensboro..... | Building..... | H. S. Tolman. |
| Johnson..... | 150 books..... | Friends. |
| Hardwick..... | \$232.00..... | Entertainment |
| Hinesburg..... | 100.00..... | Citizens. |
| Manchester..... | 100.00..... | G. A. Armour. |
| New Haven..... | 100.00..... | Entertainment. |
| Northfield..... | 100.00..... | Mrs. Braley. |
| Norwich..... | Building costing \$2,500 | Popular subscription. |
| Pittsford..... | { \$350.00..... | |
| | { 337 vols..... | |
| Proctor..... | \$160.00..... | Senator Redfield Proctor. |
| Randolph..... | { Building costing over | Col. R. J. Kimball. |
| | { \$10,000..... | |
| Rutland..... | 70.00..... | Dramatic Club. |
| Sharon..... | 25.00..... | Dr. E. K. Baxter. |
| South Hero..... | 30.00..... | Entertainment. |
| Swanton..... | 500 books..... | From library of Rev. John L. Tupper. |
| Shoreham..... | \$155.00..... | Gifts and entertainments. |
| Vergennes..... | 186.00..... | Friends. |
| Vermont..... | 100 vols..... | Judge Russell S. Taft. |
| Wallingford..... | \$2,000.00..... | Susan E. Boyve. |
| Waterbury..... | \$1.00..... | Various sources. |
| West Windsor..... | 750.00..... | B. F. Blood. |
| Windsor..... | 2,000.00..... | C. C. Beaman. |

TABULATED REPORT OF LIBRARIES ACCORDING TO COUNTIES.

ADDISON COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | No. Vols. July, 1902 | No. Vols. Added Last Year | STATE AID | AM'T App. By Town 1902 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Addison..... | Addison Free Public Lib..... | 1902 | Yes | Mary E. Wilmarth..... | 110 | 110 | Yes | \$25.00 | | |
| Bridport..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Bristol..... | Bristol Free Library..... | 1902 | Yes | Kate I. Stewart..... | 1,116 | 142 | Yes | 200.00 | | |
| Cornwall..... | Lane Library..... | 1859 | No | Mrs. E. O. Porter..... | 1,026 | | No | | | |
| Ferrisburg..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Goshen..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Granville..... | Granville Free Library..... | 1893 | Yes | Bessie Hubbard..... | 323 | 40 | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Hancock..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Leicester..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Lincoln..... | Line Inn Free Library..... | 1900 | Yes | Edna C. Bristol..... | 300 | 10 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Middlebury..... | Ladies' Library..... | 1866 | No | Emma L. Higley..... | 467-0 | 212 | No | | | |
| | College Library..... | 1800 | Yes | C. B. Wright..... | 24,000 | | No | | \$5,000.00 | Miss Starr. |
| Monkton..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| New Haven..... | New Haven Town Library..... | 1901 | Yes | Sherrod Brown..... | 304 | 304 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Orwell..... | Orwell Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Addie M. Raymond..... | 810 | 140 | Yes | 100.00 | | |
| Panton..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Ripton..... | Free Library..... | 1835 | Yes | Timothy Billings..... | 830 | | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Salisbury..... | Salisbury Public Library..... | 1901 | Yes | | | | | | | |
| Shoreham..... | Shoreham Public Library..... | 1898 | Yes | Marcia A. Douglas..... | 690 | 50 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Starksboro..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Vergennes..... | Vergennes Library..... | 1876 | No | Mary P. Tucker..... | 3,455 | 95 | No | 212.00 | | |
| Waltham..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Weybridge..... | The Cotton Free Public Lib..... | 1890 | Yes | Martin E. Sprague..... | 860 | 95 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| | Library of Weybridge..... | 1849 | No | Mrs. K. H. Ketcham..... | 202 | 7 | No | | | |
| Whiting..... | Whiting Circulating Lib..... | | | | | | | | | |

Library free, 11 towns; library not free, 3 towns; no library, 9 towns; total, 23 towns.

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | No. Vols. July 1902 | No. Vols. Added Last Year | State Aid | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1902. | ENDOWMENT | By Whom Endowed |
|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Arlington | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Bennington | Bennington Free Library | 1865 | Yes | Mary B. Merrill | 6,032 | 225 | No | \$500.00 | | |
| Dorset | Dorset Public Library | 1870 | No | H. D. Baldwin | 760 | 160 | No | | | |
| Glastenbury | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Landgrove | Landgrove Public Library | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. R. R. Wiley | 270 | 92 | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Manchester | Mark Skinner Library | 1897 | No | Clara M. Chamberlin | 1,300 | 900 | No | 15.00 | \$750 | Mrs. Frances Skinner Willing |
| Pern | Free Library | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. C. W. Whitney | 511 | 123 | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Pownal | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Readsboro | Readsboro Free Library | 1899 | Yes | A. P. Bishop | 579 | 70 | Yes | 50.00 | | |
| Rupert | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Sandgate | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Searsbury | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Shafsbury | South Shafsbury Lib. Ass'n | 1874 | No | Mrs. Sarah Winfield | 800 | 20 | No | | | |
| Stamford | Stamford Public Library | 1895 | Yes | Miss M. C. Morrissy | 924 | 22 | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Sunderland | Sunderland Town Library | 1896 | Yes | J. M. Gregory | 212 | 72 | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Winhall | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Woodford | No lib-ary | | | | | | | | | |

Library free, 6 towns; library not free, 3 towns; no library, 8 towns; total, 17 towns. * Annually.

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | No. Vols. July, 1902 | No. Vols. Added Last Year. | State Aid | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1902 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Barnet | Free Public Library | 1900 | Yes | Hendietta Wiley | 856 | 365 | Yes | \$180.00 | †\$50.00 | |
| Burke, (East) | Ladies' Library Association | 1872 | No | Mrs. Susan Streeter | 400 | No | No | | | |
| Burke, (West) | Ladies' Library Association | 1875 | No | Mrs. Sarah A. Buel | 1,107 | No | No | | | |
| Danville | Ladies' Library Association | 1879 | No | Mrs. S. C. Currier | 1,500 | 50 | No | | 1,000.00 | { Building given by Mrs. C. R. Pope. |
| Groton | Public Library | 1895 | Yes | George N. Clark | 540 | | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Hardwick | Hathaway Free Public Lib. | 1895 | Yes | Carrie P. Bridgman | 930 | | Yes | 400.00 | | |
| Kirby | Jendevine Memorial Library | 1897 | Yes | Carrie P. Bridgman | 814 | 69 | No | | | { Given by Mrs. M. M. Jendevine |
| Lyndon | Kirby Public Library | 1895 | Yes | Nellie A. Russell | 306 | 55 | Yes | 40.00 | | |
| Newark | Lyndon Free Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. H. Duston | 1,955 | 284 | Yes | 330.00 | | |
| Peacham | Ladies' Library | | No | | | | | | | |
| Rye | Juvenile Library Society | 1810 | Yes | Anna E. Renfrew | 2,027 | 33 | No | | 1,535.00 | Thaddeus Stevens and others. |
| Rye | Ryegate Free Library | 1895 | Yes | Mary S. Rennie | 586 | | Yes | | | |
| St. Johnsbury | St. Johnsbury Athenaeum | 1871 | Yes | E. T. Fairbanks | 16,816 | 338 | No | | 52,000.00 | Horace Fairbanks. |
| Sheffield | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Stannard | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Sutton | Sutton Free Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. L. B. Wilson | 641 | 30 | Yes | | | |
| Walden | Walden Free Public Library | 1895 | Yes | George T. Eastman | 382 | 22 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Waterford | Waterford Free Library | 1896 | Yes | E. W. Brown | 215 | 15 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Wheelock | Wheelock Public Library | 1897 | Yes | G. A. Orcutt | 400 | | Yes | | | |

Library free, 12 towns; library not free, 3 towns; no library, 2 towns; total, 17 towns. † Annually. • For running both libraries in town.



BARNET FREE LIBRARY.



HARNETT FREE LIBRARY—INTERIOR VIEW.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | No Vols. July 1902 | No. Vols. Added Last Year | STATE AID | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1902 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------|--|---|
| Bolton | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Burlington | Billings library | 1835 | Yes | Edith E. Clarke | 64,212 | No | No | | \$50,000.00 10,000.00 1,200.00 500.00 450.00 450.00 | Frederick Billings Maria Loomis Wheeler Fund Strong Fund Mary L. Fletcher John Sherman |
| Burlington | Fletcher Free Library | 1874 | Yes | Sarah C. Hagar | 40,000 | 700 | No | \$2,200.00 | | |
| Charlotte | Hosf rd Lib. of Bap. church | 1875 | § | Roderic Eno | 900 | 60 | No | | | |
| Colchester | King's Daughters Library | 1901 | No | Miss Hattie Hill | 121 | 121 | No | | | |
| Essex | Essex Free Library | 1891 | Yes | | 900 | 100 | Yes | 50.00 | | |
| Hinesburg | Hinesburg Public Library | 1902 | Yes | The Town Clerk | | Yes | Yes | 100.00 | | |
| Huntington | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Jericho | Jericho Town Library | 1889 | Yes | Mrs. Jennie W. Hart | 600 | Yes | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Milton | Milton Free Library | 1888 | Yes | Mrs. C. L. Wolkott | 243 | 17 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Richmond | Richmond Free Library | 1888 | Yes | Anna Norton | 900 | No | No | † | 1,387.36 | Jonas F. Barber |
| St. George | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelburne | Shelburne Free Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. A. Malette | 933 | 120 | Yes | 68.00 | 450.00 | Mrs. W. S. Webb |
| So. Burlington | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Vanderhill | Vanderhill Library Ass'n | | No | A. C. Humphrey | 800 | 25 | No | | | |
| Westford | Westford Free Library | 1895 | Yes | John E. Allen | 538 | 28 | Yes | 50.00 | | |
| Williston | No library | | | | | | | | | |

Library free, 8 towns; library not free, 3 towns; no library, 5 towns; total, 16 towns. § Free for parish. * Appropriated by the city.
† Yearly. ‡ Town pays salary of librarian.

ESSEX COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1902 | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR | STATE AID | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1902 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|--|
| Bloomfield | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Brighton | Island Pond Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Leta J. Eaton | 950 | 111 | Yes | \$100.00 | | |
| Branswick | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Canaan | Canaan Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. C. H. Weeks | 400 | | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Concord | Concord Public Library | 1896 | Yes | H. C. Wilcox | 800 | | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| East Haven | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Granby | Town Library | 1896 | Yes | Lella Matthews | 199 | 38 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Guildhall | Guildhall Public Library | 1901 | Yes | Mrs. Chas. F. Webb | 700 | 165 | No | *85.00 | | { Building given and furnished by Hon. E. C. Benton. |
| Lemington | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Lunenburg | Lunenburg Public Library | 1895 | Yes | Julia R. White | 920 | 90 | Yes | 50.00 | | |
| Maldstone | † | | Yes | | | | | | | |
| Norton | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Victory | Victory Public Library | 1897 | Yes | Mrs. Herman Boyce | 199 | | Yes | 15.00 | | |

Library free, 8 towns; no library, 5 towns; total, 13 towns. * Guildhall appropriated \$50.00, Maldstone \$25.00, Northumberland, N. H., \$10.00, and all have free use of the library by terms of the bequest. † Makes appropriation for, and by terms of the bequest has free use of Guildhall Public Library.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1902 | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR | STATE AID | AMT APP BY TOWN, 1902 | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Bakersfield..... | † No library..... | | Yes | | 1,624 | 244 | Yes | \$100.00 | | |
| Berkshire..... | Enosburg Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Edith Pratt..... | 343 | 53 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Enosburg..... | Fairfax Free Library..... | 1899 | Yes | Alice Orton..... | 118 | 14 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Fairfax..... | Fairfield Public Library..... | 1900 | Yes | Miss A. G. Soule..... | 820 | 62 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Fletcher..... | Fletcher Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. A. Carpenter..... | 700 | 33 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Franklin..... | Franklin Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | C. W. Powell..... | 900 | 100 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Georgia..... | Georgia Free Library..... | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. Abner Bliss..... | 240 | 589 | No | | \$350.00 | Arvin A. Brown. |
| Highgate..... | Free Library..... | 1898 | Yes | Josephine H. Lyon..... | 500 | 239 | Yes | 40.00 | 1,000.00 | Luther B. Hunt. |
| Montgomery..... | Town Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Charles L. Martin..... | 4,628 | 655 | Yes | 200.00 | | |
| Richford..... | Arvin A. Brown Public Lib. | 1895 | Yes | Nellie S. Brown..... | 560 | | | | | |
| St. Albans..... | St. Albans Free Public Lib. | 1865 | Yes | Bertha C. Jenison..... | 1,712 | | | | | |
| Town § | Sheldon Free Public Lib..... | 1897 | Yes | Mrs. Lester C. Royce..... | | | | | | |
| Swanton..... | Swanton Free Library..... | 1899 | Yes | Beale S. Rogers..... | | | | | | |

Library free, 14 towns; no library, 1 town; total, 15 towns. * Yearly. † Appropriated by the city, \$600.00. Appropriated by the town \$100.00. ‡ Brigham Academy Library free to citizens of Bakersfield. § Makes appropriation for, has free use of and has three members in the board of nine trustees of St. Albans city library.

GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | NO. VOLS. JULY 1902 | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR | STATE AID | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1902 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Alburg | Alburg Free Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. F. H. Brayton | 625 | 25 | Yes | \$25.00 | | |
| Grand Isle | Grand Isle Library Club | 1896 | No | Cordelia Ufford | 225 | 10 | No | | | |
| Isle La Motte | Isle La Motte Free Library | 1895 | Yes | Nellie Duba | 134 | 14 | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| North Hero | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| South Hero | South Hero Public Library | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. Julia Hall | 393 | 52 | Yes | 15.00 | | |

Library free, 3 towns; library not free, 1 town; no library, 1 town; total, 5 towns.

LAMOILLE COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1902 | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR | STATE AID | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1902 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Belvidere | No library | | | | 374 | 87 | Yes | \$50.00 | | |
| Cambridge | Cambridge Town Library | 1899 | Yes | Carrie P. Carroll | 1,000 | 50 | Yes | 50.00 | | |
| Eden | No library | | | | 1,691 | 121 | Yes | 50.00 | | |
| Elmore | No library | | | | 1,491 | 204 | No | 175.00 | \$36.00 | |
| Hyde Park | Hyde Park Public Library | 1896 | Yes | F. G. Fleetwood | 2,466 | 29 | No | 50.00 | 500.00 | |
| Johnson | Johnson Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. M. A. Willey | 1,107 | | Yes | | | |
| Worriestown | Worriestown Centennial Lib | 1898 | Yes | | | | | | | |
| Stowe | Stowe Free Library | 1898 | Yes | | | | | | | |
| Waterville | Waterville Library | 1896 | Yes | | | | | | | |
| West | No library | | | | | | | | | |

Library free, 6 towns; no library, 4 towns; total, 10 towns. * Annually.



BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY, EAST CORINTH.



BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY-ART ROOM.



BLAKE MEMORIAL LIBRARY-READING ROOM.

ORANGE COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1902 | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | STATE AID | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1902 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------|--|
| Bradford | Woods Public Library..... | 1895 | No | Annie C. Spaulding.. | 3,000 | 60 | No | ..... | \$5,000.00 | J. L. Woods. |
| Brantree | Brantree Public Library..... | 1900 | Yes | Isabel Laskey..... | 270 | 160 | Yes | \$25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Brookfield | Brookfield Town Library..... | 1787 | No | Huldah Parmenter.. | 2,400 | 30 | No | 250.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Chelsea | Alden Speare Memorial Lib | 1892 | Yes | Nellie Corwin..... | 1,390 | 37 | No | 50.00 | ..... | Building given by Alden Speare. |
| Corinth | Blake Memorial Library..... | 1894 | No | Mrs. S. Butterfield.. | 2,000 | 900 | No | ..... | *500.00 | Mrs. Almira Fenno, Mr. Chas. M. Blake, Mr. Nathan Blake. Also gave building. |
| Fairlee | Fairlee Public Library..... | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. B. W. Abbott.. | 362 | 19 | Yes | 15.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Newbury | Tenney Memorial Library.. | 1897 | Yes | Francis M. Atkinson | 3,764 | 73 | No | 150.00 | *215.00 | Building given by Martha J. Tenney. |
| Orange | Orange Library..... | 1881 | Yes | Mrs. Myra F. Davis | 575 | 3 | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Randolph | Randolph Public Library... | 1896 | Yes | Maud E. Blanchard.. | 3,088 | 220 | Yes | 200.00 | 3,300.00 | Mrs. Sarah J. Crocker. Building given by Col. R. I. Kimball. |
| Strafford | Harris Library..... | 1855 | Yes | Marian C. Hatch..... | 4,900 | 200 | No | 15.00 | 1,050.00 | Building given by Hon. J. S. Morrill. |
| Thetford | Latham Memorial Lib..... | 1876 | Yes | A. E. Lambert..... | 2,325 | 75 | No | ..... | 1,500.00 | ..... |
| Topsham | Peabody Library..... | 1867 | No | Harvey Dodge..... | 4,500 | ..... | No | ..... | 2,600.00 | Mrs. A. L. Barney. |
| Tunbridge | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Vernbridge | Colton Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Rev. A. C. Dodge..... | 267 | 100 | Yes | 15.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Washington | Washington Town Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. Charles Emery | 480 | 40 | Yes | 25.00 | 600.00 | Mrs. H. A. White. |
| West Fairlee | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Williamstown | Williamstown Social Lib... | 1801 | No | George E. Wilber..... | 2,900 | 50 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |

Library free, 10 towns; library not free, 4 towns; no libraries, 8 towns; total, 17 towns. * Annually.

ORLEANS COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | NO VOLS. JULY 1902 | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR | STATE AID | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1902 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Albany | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Barton | Barton Town Library | 1896 | Yes | L. M. Hubbard | 1200 | 200 | Yes | \$200.00 | | |
| Brownington | Cong'l Sunday School Lib. | 1900 | No | Mabel Dutton | 150 | | No | | | |
| Charleston | E. Charleston Read'g Circle | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. I. R. Wolcott | 438 | 98 | No | | | |
| Coventry | Coventry Library Assoc. | 1874 | No | A. D. Thurber | 300 | 27 | No | | | |
| Craftsbury | Craftsbury Academy Lib. | 1879 | Yes | Arthur C. Cole | 2,150 | 25 | No | | | |
| Derby | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Glover | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Greensboro | Greensboro Free Library | 1900 | Yes | Frances H. Babbitt | 873 | 249 | Yes | 125.00 | | { Building given by Mr. H. S. Tolman. |
| Holland | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Irassburg | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Jay | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Lowell | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Morgan | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Newport | Goodrich Memorial Lib. | 1899 | Yes | Lizzie M. Sargent | 6,710 | 113 | Yes | 415.00 | \$32,000.00 | Converse G. Goodrich |
| Troy | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Westfield | Westfield Public Library | 1896 | Yes | E. S. Miller | 413 | 98 | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Westmore | Westmore Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. Al Bean | 380 | 8 | Yes | | | |

Library free, 7 towns; library not free, 2 towns; no library, 9 towns; total, 18 towns.

RUTLAND COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | NO. VOLS. July, 1902 | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR | STATE AID | AMT APP BY TOWN 1902 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|---|
| Benson | Benson Free Library | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. P. E. Wilcox | 869 | 83 | Yes | \$100.00 | | |
| Brandon | Brandon Free Public Lib. | 1901 | Yes | Ida J. S. Kingsley | 1,610 | 617 | No | | | |
| Castleton | Castleton Free Library | 1897 | Yes | Minnie A. Rice | 1,413 | 100 | Yes | 100.00 | | |
| Chittenden | Chittenden Free Public Lib. | 1895 | Yes | E. J. Perry | 426 | 35 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Clarendon | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Danby | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Fair Haven | Fair Haven Public Library | 1886 | Yes | Ellen F. Dewey | 4,032 | 200 | No | 600.00 | | |
| Hubbardton | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Ira | Baptist Sunday School Lib. | 1850 | Yes | Grace E. Lincoln | 100 | 7 | No | | | |
| Norton | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Rindletown Sp | Public library | 1899 | Yes | Dana S. Carpenter | 509 | 206 | Yes | 160.00 | | |
| Nt. Holly | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Nt. Tabor | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Pawlet | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Pittsfield | Pittsfield Free Town Lib. | 1900 | Yes | Rufus Holt | 157 | 48 | Yes | 15.00 | | { Walker Memorial building given by Henry P. Walker, M. D., otherwise endowed by several. |
| Pittsford | Madure Library | 1839 | Yes | Bertha M. Shaw | 5,350 | 344 | No | 224.00 | | |
| Poultney | Poultney Public Library | 1895 | Yes | Addie Kilborn | 5,732 | 172 | Yes | 500.00 | | |
| Proctor | Proctor Public Library | 1881 | No | Mary K. Norton | 5,046 | 180 | No | | | |
| Rutland | Rutland Free Library | 1886 | Yes | Uncy D. Cheney | 13,573 | 684 | No | 100.00 | | Supported by H. H. Baxter |
| " | H. H. Baxter Memorial Lib. | 1891 | Yes | Mrs. E. C. Riker | | | No | | | |
| " | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| " | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Sherburne | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Sherburne | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Sudbury | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Tunmouth | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Wallingford | Gilbert Hart Library | 1894 | Yes | May L. Congdon | 2,800 | 100 | No | 325.00 | 2,000 | Susan E. Boyne |
| Wells | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| West Haven | Free Circulating Library | 1899 | Yes | Mrs. S. R. Hitchcock | 200 | 48 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| West Rutland | West Rutland Library | 1881 | Yes | Anna H. Spencer | 1,598 | 207 | No | 320.00 | | |

Library free, 14 towns; library not free, 1 town; no library, 13 towns; total, 28 towns. * Annually.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | NO. VOLS. JULY 1902 | NO. VOLS. ADDR. LAST YEAR | STATE AID | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1902 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|--|
| Barre..... | { Barre Library Association | 1873 | No. | Mrs. Louise L. Boyce | 2,348 | No. | No. | *300.00 | \$2,500 | B. E. French |
| Barre (town of)..... | { E. E. French Library | 1889 | No. | " | 1,593 | No. | No. | | | |
| Berlin..... | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabot..... | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Cadals..... | Cadals Free Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. J. L. Kimball | 577 | 4 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Cadals..... | Cadals Circulating Library | 1852 | No. | Mrs. A. I. Converse | 1,050 | No. | No. | | | |
| Duxbury..... | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| E. Montpelier..... | Dramatic and Musical Club | 1877 | No. | George Kelton | 1,000 | | | | | |
| Payston..... | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Middlesex..... | Laquith Public Library | 1899 | Yes | A. E. Lamberton | 2,493 | 298 | Yes | 150.00 | 160 | |
| Montpelier..... | { Kellogg-Hubbard Library | 1896 | Yes | Mary E. Macomber | 12,286 | 656 | No. | | 125,000 | { Martin M. Kellogg. Fannie M. Kellogg. John E. Hubbard. |
| Moretown..... | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Northfield..... | Northfield Free Public Lib. | 1895 | Yes | Ellen L. Brown | 2,000 | 208 | Yes | 254.00 | | |
| Plainfield..... | { Mission Band Library sup- ported by Cong'l Church. | | No. | Rev. L. Waditz | | | | | | |
| Roxbury..... | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Watsonfield..... | Watsonfield Town Library | 1800 | Yes | Flora Moriarty | 401 | | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Warren..... | Warren Town Library | 1801 | Yes | Mrs. Laura Parker | 204 | 54 | Yes | 50.00 | | |
| Waterbury..... | Waterbury Public Library | 1888 | No. | John Parker | 1,322 | 146 | No. | | | |
| Woodbury..... | Woodbury Public Library | 1895 | Yes | B. H. Daniels | 303 | 36 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Worcester..... | No library | | | | | | | | | |

Library free, 7 towns; library not free, 5 towns; no library, 8 towns; total, 20 towns. * For care of both libraries. † Annually. ‡ Main-tain six travelling libraries in outlying districts.

WINDHAM COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1902 | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR | STATE AID | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1902 | RENDOW-MENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Athens | Athens Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. H. W. Smith | 268 | 10 | Yes | \$15.00 | | |
| Brattleboro | Brattleboro Free Library | 1882 | Yes | Mary F. Shakshober | 12,621 | 480 | No | 1,600.00 | | |
| Brookline | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Dover | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Dummerston | Agricultural Library Ass'n | 1860 | No | Henry H. Miller | 150 | No | No | 100.00 | \$500.00 | Mrs. L. B. Daniels |
| Grafton | Grafton Public Library | 1869 | Yes | Mrs. Thaddeus Park | 2,700 | 100 | No | 30.00 | 1,000.00 | Mrs. C. A. King |
| Guilford | Guilford Free Library | 1891 | Yes | Mrs. E. Alexander | 1,275 | 1 | No | | | |
| Halifax | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Jamaica | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Londonderry | Londonderry Library Ass'n | 1882 | No | Mrs. H. A. Hayward | 900 | No | No | | | |
| Marlboro | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Newfane | Moore Free library | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. P. C. Moore | 3,663 | 222 | No | | 2,000.00 | Mrs. Philura C. Moore |
| Putney | Putney Public Library | 1897 | Yes | Miss Freda Pember | 1,014 | 84 | Yes | 1 5.00 | 500.00 | C W. Kimball |
| Rockingham | Rockingham Free Library | 1888 | Yes | Mrs. N. A. Plantien | 7,800 | 350 | No | 900.00 | | |
| Somerset | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Stratton | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Townshend | Townshend Free Library | 1899 | Yes | Mrs. F. L. Osgood | 299 | 78 | Yes | 50.00 | | |
| Vernon | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Wardsboro | Wardsboro Free Library | 1899 | Yes | Mrs. S. D. May | 542 | 2 | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Westminster | Ladies Aid Society Library | 1870 | No | Nellie Houghton | 852 | 42 | No | | \$45.00 | |
| Whittingham | Whittingham Free L brary | 1899 | Yes | Carrie E. Chase | 344 | 70 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Wilmington | Wilmington Free L brary | 1895 | Yes | Helen Buell | 1,241 | 207 | Yes | 50.00 | | |
| Windham | Windham Library | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. M. M. Lamson | 417 | | Yes | 15.00 | | |

Library free, 12 towns; library not free, 3 towns; no library, 8 towns; total, 23 towns. * Annually.

WINDSOR COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1902 | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR | STATE AID | AM'T APP. BY TOWN 1902 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|--|
| Andover | Andover Town Library | 1896 | Yes | H. B. Stannard | 730 | 130 | Yes | \$15.00 | | |
| Baltimore | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Barnard | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel | Bethel Public Library | 1893 | Yes | Minnie D. Marsh | 1,200 | 75 | No | 35.00 | | |
| Bridgewater | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Cavendish | Pletcher Town Library | 1871 | Yes | E. G. White | 6,000 | 100 | No | | *100.00 | Richard Fletcher |
| Chester | Whiting Free Library | 1888 | Yes | C. Ginevra Pollard | 2,916 | 10 | No | 350.00 | 4 000.00 | { Dr. Laurin G. and Abigail B. Whiting |
| Hartford | Hartford Library | 1892 | Yes | Pannie L. Wright | 3,656 | 105 | No | | 10 000.00 | Ephraim Morris. |
| Hartford (ville of Wil-) | Wilder Club and Library | 1899 | Yes | L. M. Hodgkins | 1,200 | 47 | No | | 30,000.00 | Charles T. Wilder. |
| Hartland | Hartland Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Louise R. Sturtevant | 1,200 | 29 | Yes | 25.00 | | { Given and entirely supported by Hon. A. M. Fletcher. |
| Ludlow | Pletcher Memorial Library | 1901 | Yes | Etta Pierce | 7,152 | | No | | | { Building given by popular subscription. |
| Norwich | Norwich Public Library | 1880 | No | Mrs. Ellen W. Knight | 2,475 | 183 | No | | | |
| Plymouth | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Pomfret | Pomfret Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. W. W. Miller | 740 | 12 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Reading | Reading Free Library | 1896 | Yes | Minnie C. Fay | 1,720 | 66 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Rochester | Rochester Free Library | 1895 | Yes | Miss L. H. Washburn | 885 | 100 | Yes | 200.00 | | |
| Royalton | Royalton Free Library | 1896 | Yes | Seymour Culver | 800 | 12 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Sharon | Sharon Public Library | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. H. A. Roberts | 637 | 53 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Springfield | Springfield Town Library | 1871 | Yes | Mattie Goodnough | 4,644 | 200 | No | 500.00 | 153.52 | { One-half proceeds of sale of Springfield Wesleyan Seminary building. |
| Stockbridge | Stockbridge Free Library | 1895 | Yes | J. A. Chedel | 218 | | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Wethersfield | Belcher Library | 1896 | Yes | P. E. Steele | 2,550 | 240 | No | 75.00 | *400.00 | William C. Belcher. |
| Weston | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Weston | Weston Free Library | 1894 | Yes | George H. Coburn | 825 | 80 | Yes | 50.00 | | |
| West Windsor | Mary L. Blood Mem'l Lib. | 1901 | Yes | J. A. Savage | 957 | 92 | Yes | 75.00 | | { Bldg. given by Hon. B. F. Blood |
| Windsor | Windsor Library Ass'n | 1892 | Yes | Rev. E. N. Goddard | 9,200 | 346 | No | 4 0.00 | 10 000.00 | { Hon. and Mrs. Hiram Harlow. |
| Woodstock | Norman Williams Pub. Lib. | 1885 | Yes | Mrs. O. B. Jaquith | 13,077 | 652 | No | | *2,720.00 | Dr. B. H. Williams. |

Library free, 14 towns; library not free, 1 town; no library, 6 towns; total, 24 towns. * Annually. † Libraries united 1897.



TRAVELING LIBRARY—EXTERIOR VIEW.



TRAVELING LIBRARY—INTERIOR VIEW.

REPORT OF
TRAVELING LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.
DOCUMENTS ISSUED.

No. 1.

ST. JOHNSBURY, VT., 1901.

The Vermont Free Library Commission has been empowered to purchase a number of traveling libraries which it can loan to small libraries, or to library associations in farming communities and small villages. Each of these libraries contains from thirty to forty volumes of interesting and wholesome books. It will remain in a community for six months and must then be returned to the Commission to be exchanged for another, if desired.

To secure the visits of these libraries the people of a community must first organize a library association which shall include at least three responsible citizens. They must elect a Secretary who shall be authorized to receive the libraries and return them, and who is empowered to act as their agent in dealing with the Commission. They shall also elect a librarian (though the Secretary may act as librarian) who shall have charge of the libraries which the association may receive. The Secretary and at least two other responsible members shall sign an application promising:

1. To pay the expenses of the transportation of these libraries from and to St. Johnsbury and to provide a suitable and convenient place in which to keep them.

2. That the books of these libraries shall be loaned without charge to any persons in the community who will observe the rules made by the Commission.

3. That the association will be responsible for the safe return of the books of the library in good condition except for unavoidable wear and tear.

The libraries will be sent by express.

Address all inquiries to MRS. WALTER P. SMITH, St. Johnsbury, Vt.

No. 2.

STATE OF VERMONT.

APPLICATION FOR TRAVELING LIBRARY.

To the Board of Library Commissioners for the State of Vermont:—

We the undersigned citizens of, hereby apply for the loan of a traveling library under the Session Laws of 1900.

We name, whom we know to be a responsible person, to act for us as secretary, and to have in charge said library and the correspondence relating thereto.

We hereby agree to return said traveling library within six months from its reception, to pay all transportation charges to and from St. Johnsbury, and to make good any losses or injuries beyond reasonable wear, however accruing, while said library is in our custody.

.....this.....day of A. D. 190.....

No. 3.

SUGGESTIONS TO LIBRARIANS OF THE VERMONT FREE TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

Will you kindly observe the following directions.

1. Always acknowledge at once the receipt of a library.
2. You are entitled to keep a library six months. At the expiration of that time, return the library for exchange, or write the superintendent asking for an extension of time.
3. In returning libraries pack the books so securely that they will not slide or shift, and prepay the express.
4. Have books stand straight on the shelves or lie flat on their sides.
5. If leaves of books become loose do not reissue the books, but keep them in your possession till the library is returned.
6. If you do not use borrowers cards (and they are not necessary), whenever a book goes out, note on the slip at the back of the book the day

it is due. On its return cross off this date. Be sure borrowers understand this is for their convenience.

7. The price of each book is shown in the list written into each record book. For loss of a book collect its cost, and for undue damage collect a fair proportion of the cost.

The usefulness and ultimate success of these libraries will depend largely upon your efforts. The books are suited to various tastes and people should not stop taking books because they do not happen to enjoy the first they take. The criticisms of your patrons and your own reading will soon enable you to help your neighbors in their selections. The best of the books for children are enjoyed by everybody.

Anybody can get trained readers to take interesting books. Your success will be determined by your ability to train people who are not habitual readers of good books to become so. Be patient and do not be disappointed if you do not always secure immediate results.

It is especially desired that the children be helped to the use of the books in their department.

Help to train people to handle books carefully, and to keep them clean. Good care of books should not, however, be emphasized until people are afraid to use them.

You will confer a favor by making any suggestions that will lead to the increased usefulness of these libraries.

SAMPLE CATALOGUES.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

TRAVELING LIBRARY, No. VII.

FICTION.

- 1 **Churchill, Winston.** The crisis. Illus.
An exciting love story. Scene laid in the South during the civil war.
- 2 **Cooper, James Fenimore.** The deerslayer.
The first of the leather stocking tales in the order of reading.
- 3 **Foote, Mrs. Mary Hallock.** The led-horse claim.
Scene laid in the Shoshone mining camp in Colorado.
- 4 **Fox, John, Jr.** Crittenden; a Kentucky story of love and war.
- 5 **Frothingham, Eugenia Brooks.** The turn of the road.
A love story in which the heroine makes a choice between love and a career.
Natural and wholesome.
- 6 **Hawthorne, Nathaniel.** Scarlet letter.
"Remarkable for a highly finished and beautiful style and the most charming artistic skill" The setting is colonial.
- 7 **Hugo, Victor.** Les misérables. Illus. Tr. by Isabel F. Hapgood.
Vol. I.
- 8 Vol. II.
One of the greatest novels ever written. A story of the redemption of the sons of man from passion and sin to christian service and self sacrifice.

- 9 **Janvier, T. A.** The passing of Thomas, and other stories. Illus.
A group of short stories.
- 10 **Macdonald, George.** Robert Falconer.
A fine story with some Scotch dialect.
- 11 **Montrésor, F. F.** The one who looked on.
A very sweet story of life in an Irish family.
- 12 **Runkle, Bertha.** The helmet of Navarre. Illus.
An exciting story with scene laid in Paris in the XVIth century.
- 13 **Sawyer, Josephine C.** Every inch a king.
Gives a new view of Henry V. of England.
- 14 **Taylor, M. Imlay.** The cardinal's musketeer.
A tale of love and adventure. The scene is laid in France when Cardinal Richelieu was at the height of his power.
- 15 **Wilkins, Mary E.** Portion of labor.
"Story of New England life in a manufacturing village."

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

- 16 **Alcott, Louisa M.** Eight cousins. Illus.
Story of one girl and seven boys who lived on an "aunt hill."
- 17 **Baylor, Frances Courtenay.** Juan and Juanita. Illus.
Essentially true story of two Mexican children who were captured by the Indians and lived with them for four years.
- 18 **Brown, Abbie Farwell.** The loneliest doll. Illus.
A quaint and pretty story of a very lonesome doll, and a very lonesome queen.
- 19 **Church, Alfred J.** Stories from Virgil. Illus.
These stories, twenty-six in all, begin with the siege of Troy and carry Æneas through all his wanderings in Italy.
- 20 **Deland, Ellen Douglas.** Oakleigh. Illus.
The home life of five children. Interesting to both boys and girls.
- 21 **Dodge, Mrs. Mary (Mapes).** The land of pluck. Illus.
Stories and sketches of the boys and girls of Holland.
- 22 **Jenks, Tudor.** Boys' book of explorations. Illus.
True stories of the heroes of travel and discovery in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Americas.
- 23 **Lang, Andrew.** True story book. Illus.
Wanderings of Prince Charlie; discoveries of Lief, the Lucky; Grace Darling; Cortez in Mexico; and other perilous adventures which have become famous.
- 24 **Miller, Olive Thorne pseud.** Second book of birds. Illus.
In which bird families are described. The book has eight colored plates and other full page illustrations.
- 25 **Stories of American Pioneers.** Illus.
Daniel Boone, Lewis and Clarke, Fremont and Carson. For the youngest readers.
- 26 **True, John Preston.** The iron star and what it saw on its journey through the ages.
The story of a meteor which fell to earth. Very interesting.
- 27 **Wade, Mary Hazelton.** Our little Russian cousin. Illus.
A book describing child life in Russia.
- 28 **Wiggin, Mrs. K. D. (Smith).** Timothy's quest.
A story for anybody young or old who cares to read it.
- 29 **Wyss, Johann David.** Swiss family Robinson. Illus.
Adventures of a shipwrecked family on a desolate island. A classic for youth.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 30 **Amicis, Edmondo de.** Holland and its people. Illus.
Most interesting sketches of the country and its peculiar civilization.
- 31 **Blaikie, W. Garden.** Life of David Livingstone.
Chiefly from his unpublished journals and correspondence in the possession of his family.
- 32 **Call, Annie Payson.** Power through repose.
A book needed by most Americans. Full of striking good sense and also practical.
- 33 **Eggleston, Edward.** The transit of civilization.
Treats of the mental outfit, medical notions, folklore and measures of conduct of the early colonists.
- 34 **Halsey, Francis Whiting Ed.** American authors and their homes. Illus.
Personal descriptions and interviews with twenty-two authors; all Americans, and nearly all living.
- 35 **Hillis, Newell Dwight.** Great books as life teachers.
Essays on seven notable pieces of literature, of which five are in this library. See list below.
- 36 **Hurl, Estelle M.** Michelangelo. Illus.
A collection of fifteen pictures and a portrait of the master; with an introduction, and interpretation of the pictures.
- 37 **Jordan, Whitman Howard.** The feeding of animals.
An effort to present the main facts and principles fundamental to the art of feeding animals, as they are now understood.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

TRAVELING LIBRARY, NO. XI.

FICTION.

- 1 **Bachelor, Irving.** D'ri and I. Illus.
The war of 1812 and northern New York and Canada supply time and place for the story. The most important events are history.
- 2 **Black, William.** Princess of Thule.
The island of Lewis and London furnish the setting of this pretty tale.
- 3 **Brontë Charlotte.** Jane Eyre.
Miss Brontë is distinguished for extraordinary power in the delineation of character. Jane Eyre is the story which gave her her high reputation.
- 4 **Burnett, Frances Hodgson.** Making of a marchioness. Illus.
"A story of irresistible sweetness and purity." Emily, the heroine, is a quiet English girl, a thoroughly lovable creature.
- 5 **Cable, George W.** The cavalier. Illus. by H. C. Christy.
A story of our civil war from a soldier's point of view. The hero is chief of Ferry's confederate scouts, and the heroine a confederate newspaper correspondent.
- 6 **Catherwood, Mary Hartwell.** Lazarre. Illus.
The story of the romantic career in America of Lazarre Williams, the reputed son of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette.
- 7 **Connor, Ralph pseud.** Man from Glengarry.
Depicts the manner of life and type of character to be found in the forests of Canada a generation ago.
- 8 **Dickens, Charles.** David Copperfield.
Probably the most popular of all Dickens' novels. It is said to follow in some particulars the early life of the author.

- 9 Ebers, George.** Uarda.
A picture of life in ancient Thebes portrayed by a famous Egyptologist.
- 10 Elliot, George** *pseud.* Silas Marner.
This volume contains Silas Marner or the weaver of Raveloe; scenes from a clerical life; Mr. Gilfil's love story; Janet's repentance; the lifted veil; and brother Jacob.
- 11 Harte, Francis Bret.** Luck of Roaring Camp.
Short stories of life in western mining camps.
- 12 Hegan, Alice Caldwell.** Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch.
"A jolly book, full of the milk of human kindness."
- 13 Jewett, Sarah Orne.** Strangers and wayfarers.
Contains a winter courtship and ten other short stories.
- 14 Kipling, Rudyard.** Kim. Illus.
A panorama of Indian life. Kim, a child, old in the sins of the world, in company with an aged lama of Thibet, a child in worldliness and evil, goes in search of the "River of the Arrow" which washes away all sin.
- 15 Thackeray, William Makepeace.** Vanity Fair. Illus. by the author.
A "novel without a hero." It has however two heroines, Rebecca Sharp, the impersonation of intellect without heart; and Amelia Sedley who has heart without intellect.
- 16 Weyman, Stanley J.** Red cockade. Illus.
An exciting story of the French revolution.
- 17 Yonge, Mrs. Charlotte.** Chaplet of pearls.
Story with historic background. Time, sixteenth century; place, France.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

- 18 Alcott, Louisa M.** Little Men: life at Plumfield with Jo's boys.
- 19 Baker, R. S.** Boy's book of inventions. Illus.
Describes submarine boats, wireless telegraphy, liquid air, tailless kites, phonographs and other modern wonders.
- 20 Coffin, Charles Carleton.** Marching to victory. Illus.
Describes events of 1863 in our civil war. This period was distinguished by a series of victories to the armies of the union.
- 21 Dole, Charles.** The young citizen.
Simple talks intended to interest boys and girls in the things that concern the town and the nation.
- 22 Ewing, Juliana Horatia.** Madame Liberality. Illus.
A story about a little girl who was so unselfish as to earn the name which gives the title to the book.
- 23 Farmer, Mrs. Lydia Hoyt.** Girls' book of famous queens. Illus.
Sketches the lives of sixteen queens from Semiramis and Dido to Eugenie and Victoria.
- 24 Ingelow, Jean.** Mopsa, the fairy. Illus.
The albatross, Jenny, carries Jack to fairyland where he has numerous pleasant adventures.
- 25 Lang, Andrew** *ed.* Nursery rhyme book. Illus
Topically arranged with some hints as to their origin.
- 26 Mabie, H. W.** *ed.* Norse stories retold from the Eddas.
- 27 Otis, James.** With Porter in the Essex. Illus.
A graphic account of the famous voyage around Cape Horn during the war of 1812.
- 28 Patteson, S. Louise.** Pussy meow. Illus.
This book seeks to do for the cat what Black Beauty did for the horse.

- 29 Pyle, Howard.** Merry adventures of Robin Hood of great renown in Nottinghamshire.
Beautifully illustrated by the author.
- 30 Richards, Mrs. Laura E.** Queen Hildegarde.
Relates how a selfish girl developed into an unselfish one during one summer in the country.
- 31 Richards, Mrs. Laura E.** Hildegarde's holiday.
Continues the story of Queen Hildegarde.
- 32 Scudder, Horace E. ed.** Children's book. Illus.
Collection of the best and most famous stories and poems in the English language.
- 33 Wade, Mary Hazelton.** Our little Japanese cousin. Illus.
An account of child life in Japan.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 34 Besant, Sir Walter.** Story of King Alfred the great.
Life of the great and wise king whose history every man and woman of the English speaking race ought to learn and every boy and girl to know.
- 35 Curtis, William Eleroy.** True Thomas Jefferson.
Not a formal biography, but a series of sketches graphic and accurate as possible which claim to be without partisanship or prejudice.
- 36 Dawson, W. P.** German life in town and country.
Contains chapters on social divisions, rural life, military service, public education, the home, pleasures and pastimes and kindred themes.
- 37 Dunbar, Paul Lawrence.** Candle lightin' time.
Poems illustrated with photographs by the Hampton Institute camera club.
- 38 Dwight, Henry Otis.** Constantinople and its problems: its peoples, customs, religions and progress. Illus.
By a native of Vermont, resident for many years in this eastern city.
- 39 Earle, Alice Morse.** Old time gardens.
Book of the "sweet of the year," profusely illustrated by beautiful photographs collected by the author.
- 40 Evans, Robley D.** A sailor's log: recollections of forty years of naval life. Illus.
Admiral Evans' naval service includes our civil war, Spanish war and numerous adventures in foreign seas.
- 41 Harrison, Benjamin.** This country of ours.
Explains clearly the machinery of our government in motion, with instructions as to the relations and uses of its various parts.
- 42 Hurl, Estelle M.** Correggio. (Riverside art series).
A collection of fifteen pictures and a suppressed portrait of the painter, with an introduction and interpretation.
- 43 Latimer, Mrs. Elizabeth W.** Last years of the nineteenth century.
A resume of events of the past ten years in France, Russia, Turkey, England, Italy, Spain and European possessions in Africa.
- 44 Matthews, J. Brander.** Poems of American patriotism.
A collection of verse, depicting many daring deeds in our country's history chronologically arranged.
- 45 Morley, Margaret W.** Wasps and their ways.
Familiar talks about the social and the solitary wasps.
- 46 Mowbray, J. P.** Journey to nature.
An amusing account of the way in which a Wall St. broker became acquainted with nature and his small son.

- 47 St. Nicholas book of plays and operettas. Illus.**
Shadow pantomimes and other simple entertainments in which both children and "grown ups" may figure.
- 48 Snow, William G.** Furnace heating.
A treatise convenient for reference for the furnace man, architect or house-owner.
- 49 Thompson-Seton, Ernest.** Lives of the hunted. Illus.
Johnny Bear, Tito, the coyote and other animal acquaintance are here described by an intimate friend.
- 50 Wyckoff, Walter A.** A day with tramps and other days.
The aftermath of the author's experiences described in *The Workers*.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

The legislature of 1900 passed the Traveling Library Bill as found on a previous page. It was largely through the efforts of the Library Committee of the Federation of Women's Clubs that the bill was introduced and carried through, and they presented to the State as a nucleus of the work 11 libraries valued at about \$325. The money to purchase these libraries had been given by various clubs of women in different sections of the State.

To these libraries 13 more have been added, purchased with money appropriated by the State; so that now the Commission have in circulation 24 libraries varying in size from 30 to 50 volumes each, sample catalogues of which may be seen above. In addition to these, three groups of books have been purchased for use in study of special subjects,—viz., Child Study, the City of New York, and the City of Washington.

Thirty towns have had Traveling Libraries; 24 are now library stations (see list on page 48).

In Hinesburgh and Barnet the Traveling Library has given place to a permanent library; Clarendon, East Clarendon, Moretown and Eden have dropped from the list; 17 libraries are in towns where there is no other library; five are helping out small libraries; five are in towns having libraries which are not free.

The number of readers varies from 95 in one station to 11 in another. As in larger libraries fiction leads in circulation, although we have had some cases where the miscellaneous class led. In one small town Van Dyke's *Fisherman's Luck* was the favorite book which speaks well for that locality.

The libraries are variously located. Where there is already a free library in the village, the Traveling Library is naturally kept

in the same place. In other cases some are in private houses conveniently located; some are in the post office; one is in a drug store; two in reading rooms maintained by benevolent organizations; while several places find the church the best distributing center.

Some towns hesitate about asking for a Traveling Library lest they be considered objects of charity. This is a mistaken notion. The books belong to the State of Vermont, and are for the free use of its citizens. No one is placed under any obligation in receiving them. They are one feature of the educational advantages which the State provides and are as free to its citizens as are its public schools.

It is hoped that small libraries which need more books than they can afford to buy will avail themselves of this means of increasing their library facilities, and that towns which now have no libraries will arrange to become library stations.

One of the best methods of procedure for these towns is for one or two interested people to form an association of men and women, endeavoring to include as many as possible of citizens of influence. Let them elect their secretary, and have it understood that they are making an arrangement which will be permanent; that every six months they will have a new case of books; that these books are free and are for young and old.

The only expense to stations is for expressage. The American Express Company makes some reduction for libraries, so that the charges vary from \$.50 for a small box and short distance, to \$1.50 for a larger case and longer distance. Hence the sum of \$6.00 at the most would cover the expense of a Traveling Library for a year, and in many cases it falls below \$3.00. For from \$3.00 to \$6.00, a whole community can have the reading of from 60 to 100 books each year.

In conclusion we would report that the Traveling Library Bill seems to satisfy a real need; that the work has met our expectations, and has grown as rapidly as it could be cared for with the facilities which the Commission has at its disposal. We feel that it is a very important part of our educational forces. We know of no way in which the amount of money expended could be made to yield larger returns to the State.

MRS. WALTER P. SMITH,
Superintendent of Traveling Library Department.

GROWTH OF LIBRARY WORK.

Since the publication of the last report the following ten towns have established free public libraries in accordance with the law and have received the aid from the state: Addison, Barnet, Bristol, Fairfield, Greensboro, Hinesburgh, New Haven, Pittsfield, Salisbury, Warren. At least four other towns took the necessary steps at the town meeting, but the trustees elected, for reasons best known to themselves, failed to do their duty, and thus thwarted the will of the people. This is a matter of yearly occurrence and makes plain the importance of selecting for trustees persons who are thoroughly interested in the establishment of a free library.

From many of the towns without a library comes the probably well-grounded complaint of a lack of interest, but this need not discourage the faithful. Remarkable results have crowned the efforts of a few determined workers in the library field in the last few years. One library that two years ago was practically homeless now occupies a commodious and well equipped building, the result largely of the efforts of one woman in soliciting subscriptions. Many communities could be made to see their need and the great utility of good reading, if only the zeal of the few interested ones were stimulated by more hope and courage.

CARE AND GROWTH OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

It is evident that the free libraries of the state, as a whole, are more widely appreciated and used than ever before and consequently are far better housed and cared for. Some that had for a time been neglected are now in a most flourishing condition. Both reports and personal inspection show this to be true. In this connection it is but just to speak of the gratuitous and self-sacrificing labor of many of the librarians and trustees and unofficial friends who are giving freely of their time and strength for the promotion of library interests in their respective communities. The work may sometimes be discouraging but it is a noble work and has already been productive of most beneficial results.

So far as reports can be obtained they show that the circulation of books has very materially increased during the last two years. Notably is this true in the departments of Biography, Travel and Children's Books. Some of the libraries have under special arrangement extended their work in the schools with gratifying results.

GIFTS TO LIBRARIES.

The last two years have been distinguished by some notable gifts to towns of library buildings, endowments and books; and already other towns have good reasons to expect soon from their prosperous sons and daughters some such practical and refining evidence of their loyalty and devotion. In this direction the field is ample and the possibilities of doing good are boundless.

CHANGES IN THE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

At the close of her term, Nov. 30, 1900, Miss Bartlett declined a reappointment and Mrs. Walter P. Smith was commissioned by the Governor as her successor. In February, 1901, Miss Titcomb resigned to accept the position of librarian of the Washington County Free Library at Hagerstown, Md., and was succeeded in the Board by Miss Charlotte C. Gibson, librarian of the Fletcher Memorial Library of Ludlow, who served as member and secretary until August, 1901, when she resigned. November 30, 1901, the Governor appointed to this position Mrs. M. H. Buckham of Burlington.

DETAILS OF NEW LIBRARIES.

Addison.—*Addison Public Library.*—Town meeting held first Tuesday in March, 1902. Trustees elected: Mrs. P. B. Norton, one year; Miss Rose Wilmarth, two years; Mrs. Ezra Smith, three years; Mrs. Fred Smith, four years; Mrs. Charles Reed, five years. Appropriation of \$25 voted for maintenance of library. Application for appropriation of \$100 made April 9, 1902.

Barnet.—*Barnet Public Library.*—Town meeting held first Tuesday in March, 1900. Trustees elected: W. H. Burbank, one year; G. F. Winch, two years; J. G. Roy, three years; F. W. Mason, four years; Charles I. Smith, five years. Application for appropriation of \$100 by state made on February 18, 1901.

Bristol.—*Bristol Free Library.*—Town meeting held first Tuesday in March, 1901. Trustees elected: George E. Bartlett, five years; W. A. Lawrence, four years; E. B. Patterson, three years; H. P. Sherwin, two years; E. W. Varney, one year. Appropriation of \$50 voted for maintenance of library. Application for appropriation of \$100 made January 4, 1902.

Fairfield.—*Fairfield Free Library.*—Town meeting held first Tuesday in March, 1901. Trustees elected: W. H. Fairchild, one year; Fred S. Tupper, two years; George H. Soule, three years. Appropriation of \$25 voted for maintenance of library. At special meeting called on May 25, 1901, following trustees were elected: Helen McEnergy, four years; Albertine G. Soule, five years. Application for appropriation of \$100 made April 5, 1901.

Hinesburgh.—*Hinesburgh Public Library.*—Town meeting held first Tuesday in March, 1902. Trustees elected: Henry M. Page, five years; Charles J. Russell, four years; M. R. Turner, three years; Anna Patrick, two years; Mildred Patch, one year. Appropriation of \$100 voted for maintenance of library. Application for appropriation of \$100 made March 22, 1902.

New Haven.—*New Haven Town Library.*—Town meeting held first Tuesday in March, 1901. Trustees elected: E. G. Hunt, one year; F. T. Nash, two years; Warren Peck, three years; B. M. Weld, four years; M. J. Landon, five years. Appropriation of \$25 made for maintenance of library. Application for \$100 appropriation made March 18, 1901.

Salisbury.—*Salisbury Public Library.*—Town meeting held first Tuesday in March, 1901. Trustees elected: Samuel H. Kelly, one year; Harry Kinsman, two years; F. C. Dyer, three years; Mrs. F. L. Hamilton, four years; Mrs. F. C. Brigham, five years. Appropriation of \$100 voted for maintenance of library. Application for appropriation of \$100 made July 13, 1901.

HISTORIES OF LIBRARIES.

Burlington.—*Library of the University of Vermont.*—The last report of this library, May 31, 1902, gives a total of 64,212 volumes on the shelves, and 31,393 estimated pamphlets.

Among the noteworthy gifts of the past two years is a fund raised by subscriptions from friends of the Department of Chemistry. Sets of chemical periodicals amounting to over 475 volumes and costing over \$1,300, have already been bought with this money, and it is understood that more is to follow. Henry Holt, LL.D., has continued his former munificence by supplying the library with the publications of his firm as issued, 129 volumes in all. Judge R. C. Hawkins has added 21 volumes to the collection on the Civil War given by him. Professor Barbour's engineering library, amounting to 175 bound volumes and 133 pamphlets, has been given to the university, together with a memorial bookplate to indicate their former owner.

Through Hon. H. W. Hill the library has received 21 volumes of valuable New York state publications. President Buckham has contributed 50 volumes, and Hon. G. G. Benedict 16. From Miss L. P. A. Goodhue were received 15 volumes from the library of her late father. The Fireside Book Club presented 26 volumes of the best of recent publications.

A valuable file of the reports of the Vermont Y. M. C. A., including every one printed, was the gift of Capt. Geo. E. Davis. A set of the reports on Canadian archives, in which are printed the Haldimand papers and many other early documents connected with Vermont history, was received from Douglas Brymer, LL.D., archivist. Professor Goodrich gave a number of volumes of the Homiletic Review, and has collected, as is his wont, many Vermont publications to add to the ever increasing store of Vermontiana. From the Duke de Loubat came three of the facsimile reproductions, with comment, of Mexican picture writings which he has been publishing at his own expense.

Dr. Kennedy presented a beautiful copy of Bruch's *Bryologia Europæa* in seven quarto volumes, also P. Baldassare Lombardi's edition of Dante in four volumes, and a seven volume edition of the Italian dictionary of the *Accademia della Crusca* printed at Verona in 1804-6. The first volume of a sumptuous quarto history of the University of Geneva was the gift of that institution.

The Botanical Department of the university bought a complete set of the *Botanisches Centralblatt* and placed it in the library. And on the shelves of the Botanical laboratory may be found all the issues of the *Centralblatt für Bakteriologie*, the gift of Mrs. Laura Billings Lee.

An autograph letter of Abraham Lincoln, and a draft of a memorial to the Vermont legislature, signed Candidus and Impartiality, asking for the incorporation of the university, are among the manuscript acquisitions.

Additions to the collection of prints and other works of art, which I am unable to report are included in the report for the preceding two years.

The hours of opening the library are from 8.30 to 6, including holidays, and from 2 to 4 on Sunday in term time, and from 9 to 12 and 2 to 4 daily except Sunday in vacation. In the building up and management of the library the first consideration is always the needs of the departments of instruction of the university, and it is adapted for study and research rather than for the general reader. But all those who desire to use it for these purposes are welcome and the resources of the collection are freely at their service and every facility offered in so far as it does not interfere with the use by the faculty and the students.

Brandon.—Sometime ago an effort was made here to establish a town free library and so get state aid but it did not succeed. About two years ago a few people who were especially interested in having a free library, formed themselves into an association and the town was canvassed for subscribers, or members in the association, the fee being one dollar. One generous townsman volunteered to give fifty cents for every one dollar paid in by others. In this way between two and three hundred dollars was raised.

A former resident sent a gift of 210 books, other people gave any where from one to fifteen or twenty each, and there were purchased about two hundred dollars worth so that when we opened to the public by holding a reception New Years day 1901 we had about 625 books.

The Ladies Book Club, who own the upper floor in a building, gave us the use of a fair sized hall, provided we put it in shape for our use and share with them the expense of keeping in repair that upper floor.

One end of our room is devoted to a reading room, having two tables supplied with magazines and papers. We hope sometime to have a building of our own and be on the first floor. We have raised money in various ways, and have had some gifts, the largest being \$300. Very recently we have had one gift of \$50 from a former resident. Also many books have been given us and we now own over 1600.

The Ladies Book Club have loaned 100 books, an individual has loaned another 100 which are mostly reference books; so we have accessible for use over 1800.

We are now planning for the annual meeting which comes the first Tuesday in October. I do not know whether we shall canvass the town for re-

newal of membership in the association as heretofore or what course will be taken.

A lady from the Albany Library school assisted us in classifying and shelf listing the books. We had previously used the accession number and had only a general imperfect classification.

Corinth.—Blake Memorial Library at East Corinth, Vt., erected by Nathan D. Blake, Charles M. Blake and Almira T. Blake Fenno.

The growth of this fine institution in the village of East Corinth has been due largely to a labor of love. The village is the central business point of the Waits River Valley and is trade center for part of Corinth, Topsham, Newbury and Bradford. The location being in the corner of the township, no such thing as town and state aid was obtainable and yet, the number to be benefited by such an institution was very large.

In October 1894, a meeting was called to discuss the matter which was attended by seven people. Undaunted they organized the East Corinth Public Library Association and voted to adopt by-laws during the week and did so, the only credential to becoming a member being the payment of fifty cents per year which entitled the person so doing to draw one book per week.

The village school at once gave an entertainment and with the proceeds of this, membership fees, donated volumes, etc., the library opened its work the first Saturday evening of November 1894.

The "Skim Milk Club," a social organization, for several years assisted by giving from \$25 to \$75 per year. The school worked likewise; and the kind friends who have given the present building began to give. The first gift of subscriptions to several magazines helped very much indeed.

The librarian's services were given by various interested ones. At the end of three years, 500 volumes were on the shelves. Then came a period of depression, other objects were being worked for in the entertainment field. The membership dropped from thirty or fifty to six. The faithful ones fearing dissolution secured incorporation; and again, by begging and hard work, the future of the library was made secure. A business man of the town gave the use of a room for five years.

The famous old residence built by John Chapman and at the time of its destruction used as a hotel, was burned in 1899 and in the fall of 1900, the lot and all thereon was bought by Nathan D. Blake of Melrose, Mass., C. M. Blake, and Mrs. Almira T. B. Fenno of Roxbury, Mass., and deeded to the East Corinth Public Library Association. In the spring of 1902 work was begun clearing away the debris of the old building; and at an expense of \$500 the lot was made ready for the new structure.

During the fall and winter of 1901 and 1902, the contractor, Mr. J. D. Littlehole of Fitchburg, Mass., under the direction of the architect, Mr. H. M. Francis of the same city, was busy constructing the building. The cellar and foundations were of the best brick, walls being laid under each partition. The building is of red sandstone from Longmeadow, Mass., gray Staten Island brick, and Groton granite. The roof of red slate with copper jet and trimmings. The architecture is of the Romanesque style; and the exterior is particularly pleasing to the eye, the archway over the entrance being richly carved and the steps and buttresses of the finest granite.

The vestibule has marble floor, wainscoting, and trimmings. The interior is finished in quartered oak with Oregon cedar in the panelled ceiling. The coloring of the walls is in beautiful browns and greens; and most beautiful effects on the ceiling are noticed in the patterns. One enters the delivery room directly from the vestibule. The librarian's counter is directly in front separating the delivery room from the stock room. The furniture of this room is of the colonial style. Fine steel engravings of Ancient Rome are on the walls. To the right is the reading room with its many windows and old fashioned fireplace. This is well supplied with reference books and periodicals and accommodates many at a time. Directly in the rear of this is a very convenient librarian's room. To the right of the delivery room is the art room. This is made beautiful by several pieces of statuary and is cosily furnished. Many beautiful pictures by noted American and foreign artists are on the walls of this room and those of the reading room. Valuable and interesting bric-a-brac is on every hand. The stock room furnished with the latest style of shelving with adjustable copper supports gives space for 10,000 volumes. The building is heated by hot air furnace and lighted with Rochester lamps. There is not a thing lacking to make the work of the institution efficient, thanks to the painstaking care and oversight of the donors.

The old East Corinth Public Library Association merged itself in the Blake Memorial Library Association when the building was completed. This is entirely removed from any municipal connection. A self-perpetuating board of trustees, who must number thirty and cannot be more than fifty, hold the control of the building and endowment. These have been chosen from the oldest resident families and best library workers. A board of seven trustees is chosen annually. Three-fourths of the incorporators and all the trustees must live within three miles of the building. At present Topsham has two trustees, Bradford, one, Corinth, four. The trustees chose Mrs. Susan Butterfield as librarian, and the library is open from 9 to 11.30 a. m., 2 till 4 p. m., and 7 to 9 p. m.

The building was dedicated July 1st, and 2nd. The exercises were held in the Union Church and marked an epoch in the town. On the evening of July 1st, a concert by Burlington talent was given with a very large audience present. In the morning of the 2d, a reunion of old residents with speeches from many, was held. In the afternoon at two o'clock, the dedication address by Rev. Effie K. M. Jones of Barre was listened to by an immense audience who were all greatly pleased. The subject was "The Safeguards of Free Institutions." In the evening an informal reception was held in the Library Building. The building and its work are indeed a living memorial to the parents of the donors, Nathan D. Blake and Susan Torrey Blake his wife, who were among the early townspeople.

W. R. ROWLAND, *Sec'y.*

East Corinth, Sept. 9, 1902.

Greensboro.—Greensboro Free Library was established in 1900.

The new library building was a gift from Hon. H. S. Tolman of Greensboro.

The town voted \$100 that year and \$100 worth of books was received from the state. In the year 1902 the town appropriated \$125.

Contributions in money, books, furniture, etc., have been received from different individuals.

Entertainments in the way of lectures, concerts, suppers, etc., have been given, the proceeds of which have been used for the library.

Additions of new books are being made from time to time.

The library now numbers 900 volumes and is in every way a success.

Guildhall.—The presentation and dedication of the Library Building, occurred Wednesday, July 10, 1901, the ceremonies commencing at 1 p. m. There was a large attendance despite the showers, great interest was shown, and the exercises throughout were very impressive. Col. Benton having read the deed of conveyance, Rev. H. O. Worthley fittingly responded on behalf of the citizens. At the conclusion of his remarks he offered a dedicatory prayer, following which adjournment was taken for dinner at the Grange hall.

At 3 o'clock came the exercises in the Congregational Church, opened by scripture reading by Rev. Mr. Worthley, and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Flint. Music was furnished by a double quartette and chorus, and solos were rendered by Miss A. C. Damon of Boston, and Miss Florence M. Wilson, formerly of Guildhall; Miss Katherine C. Follansby, formerly of Guildhall, musical instructor in the Christian College, Kentucky, played an organ selection and with great skill directed the music. All was given in fine style and much enjoyed. Col. Benton again presided and said many excellent things. The speakers were Gov. Jordan of New Hampshire, Hon. Walter E. Ranger, State Superintendent of Education, Hon. Robert Chase, Hon. Horace W. Bailey of Newbury, P. R. Follansby and Frank N. Piper.

Before the close of the exercises in the church the following resolutions expressing acknowledgment and appreciation of Col. Benton's gift, presented by the trustees, were unanimously and enthusiastically adopted:

Whereas, In view of the magnificent gift of Col. Everett C. Benton of a Public Library and Masonic building, the trustees of the same submit to the citizens of Guildhall, Maidstone and Northumberland the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we, the people of Guildhall, Maidstone and Northumberland, desire to acknowledge and to place on record our deep obligation to Col. Benton for his kindness and munificence. That we wish to express our appreciation of the beautiful building he has erected, which is an ornament to our town and will become the source of a great blessing to the community.

Resolved, That we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to him for this most substantial proof of his love for his native town and his active interest in its welfare. That we have enjoyed and appreciated the splendid programme he has provided.

Resolved, That we hereby acknowledge our love and esteem for one who (at the personal sacrifice of time and money) has done so much for the best welfare of this community, also for the members of his family, whose kindly co-operation has made his good works possible.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be preserved among the records of the library, and a copy sent to the Essex County Herald for publication.

The trustees are Robert Chase and P. R. Follansby for Guildhall, S. S. Benton for Maidstone, F. N. Piper for Northumberland, Hon. Geo. N. Dale for the remaining towns in the county, and E. C. Benton perpetual trustee, at his death his eldest heir to succeed him, and so on forever to remain in



GUILDHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY.
GIVEN AND FURNISHED BY HON. E. C. BENTON.

his family. In case of vacancy among the others it is filled by the remaining trustees.

Col. E. C. Benton built and furnished the building to be used as a free public library, (subject to the use of the second floor as a Masonic Hall), and formally presented the same by deed of trust to seven trustees, to be held by them and their successors "as a Free Public Library for the use of the inhabitants of the towns of Guildhall and Maidstone, and those of Northumberland, N. H., residing within two miles of said building," subject only to the condition that the same shall be used and maintained in a proper manner.

At the annual town meetings, March, 1902, Guildhall appropriated \$50, Maidstone \$25 and Northumberland \$10, for the support of the library; whatever more that may be needed will be furnished by voluntary contribution.

The amount of the gift of Col. Benton is not known; the lot, the building completed to the minutest detail, everything necessary in the way of furniture, fixtures and appointments, together with some five hundred volumes of books were included in the gift.

The librarian is Mrs. Charles F. Webb of Northumberland, N. H.

—[*From Essex County Herald.*]

Ludlow.—The Fletcher Memorial Library is the outgrowth of a natural impulse of a successful son to perpetuate the memory of a beloved father. Such an impulse came to Allen M. Fletcher. The first consideration was the nature of the memorial. A decision was not difficult. Apparently nothing could more appropriately commemorate the life of a generous and courteous gentleman than a free library. Certainly nothing could be more useful, and there is no place in the philosophy of the Fletcher family for the useless. Ludlow, the birthplace of Stoughton A. Fletcher, was the natural location.

By this time the impulse had become a purpose. An architect, S. F. Page of Fehmer & Page, Boston, was instructed to make plans for a building and came to Ludlow to confer with Mr. Fletcher as to a suitable site. Attempts were made to purchase the property of Miss Hannah Washburn at the corner of Main street and Elm street, now occupied by Miss Washburn's residence and the new Universalist church. The property could not at that time be bought. Other sites were then considered, and the strong recommendation of the architect was that a lot facing the village park should be selected. The north side of the park was objectionable on account of the hill abruptly rising a little way from the street. On the south side the most available and suitable lot was selected between the residence of W. W. Stickney and the old Universalist church. This property was at once purchased and the house and barn standing thereon were removed. The original lot was a large one, but has since been added to by the purchase of the land of the Universalist church which has been torn down.

Not until the lot had been purchased did Mr. Fletcher make his purpose public. In the (Ludlow) Vermont Tribune of July 7, 1899, the announcement was made that Mr. Fletcher would build a library in Ludlow in memory of his father and grandfather. No details were given. In September of the same year the building contract was let to J. H. Rogers of

Middlebury, Vermont, and the ground was staked out and work begun on September 14.

The construction was necessarily slow. A library cannot be built in a day; perplexing questions and annoying hindrances succeeded one another. But the builders, as "in the elder days of art, wrought the greatest care," making necessary changes and possible improvements, aiming at the characteristic and consistent beauty which the finished product undeniably presents.

In the summer of 1900 it was expected that the Library would be ready for use by the following October. In July over six thousand books were purchased under the supervision of Miss Mary Lemist Titcomb of Rutland and the G. P. Putnam's Sons publishing house, New York. The first installment arrived at Ludlow the last of July and rooms in a tenement house near the Library were secured for the purpose of marking, classifying and cataloguing the books. Miss Titcomb, who was Secretary of the State Board of Library Commissioners, took charge of this work, and came to Ludlow about the first of August. The last of August Miss Charlotte C. Gibson of Rutland came to Ludlow to assist in the work, which required the rest of the fall and winter. Meanwhile the completion of the building was further delayed by the fact that the marble used in the delivery room was not satisfactory and had to be replaced. In January, 1901, Miss Titcomb was made librarian of the new Hagerstown (Md.) Public Library and left Ludlow February 1. Miss Gibson remained, completed the cataloguing, prepared a classified list for pamphlet publication, and was expected to act as librarian. In August she resigned.

By October, 1901, the building was ready to receive the books. The work of unpacking so many volumes and placing them on the shelves in an arrangement best calculated to make them accessible to the librarian and to the public, and the responsibility for attending to the vast amount of detail necessary before the Library could be considered in working order, can scarcely be appreciated by one who has no technical knowledge or practical experience of the science of bringing together books and readers—"libraryology." This work was done by Miss Anna R. Phelps, of Syracuse, N. Y., who was in Ludlow from October 5 until after the Library was opened, and who was assisted by Miss Mary E. Mastin, of St. Johnsbury, the librarian.

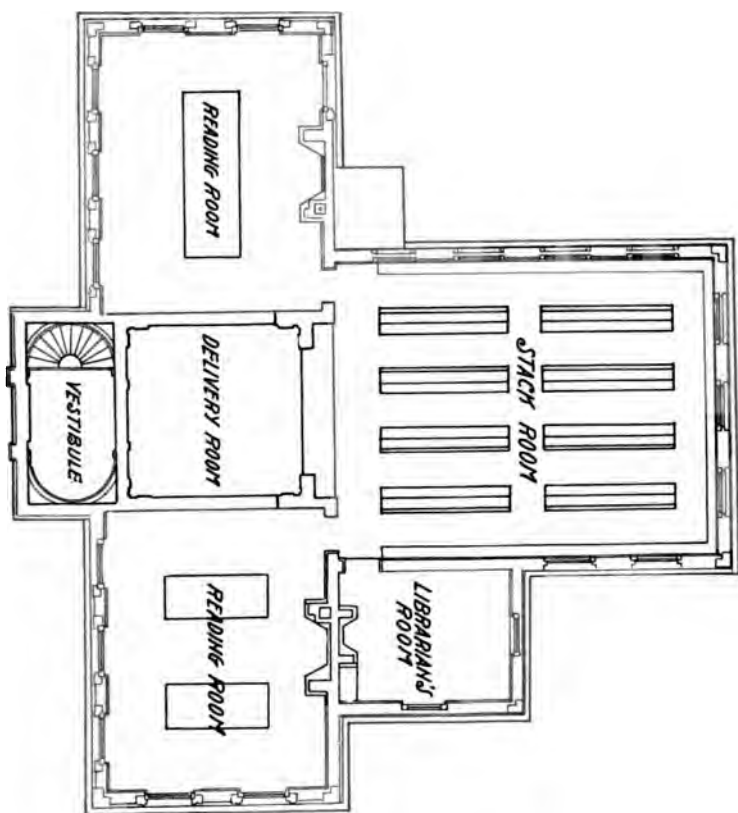
The library was dedicated and opened to the public on All Saints' day, November 1, 1901. On April 1, 1902, five months later, there were over 700 names registered as takers of books, the population of the surrounding territory throughout which the Library is available, being about 2500. The circulation from the start has been over 500 books a week.

Progressive work has been attempted along several lines. Informal talks are given by the librarian to the students of the academy and district teachers on the use of the library and reference books. Small traveling libraries are sent to the district schools for use of the scholars under the direction of the teacher.

The admittance of the public to the book room is proving a perfect success. No books have been lost and the disarrangement on the shelves is slight.



FLETCHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, LUDLOW.



FLETCHER, MEMORIAL LIBRARY—FLOOR PLAN.

The citizens of Ludlow are not unmindful of the advantages deriving from Mr. Fletcher's splendid gift nor unappreciative of the generosity of the donor. At the annual town meeting in March, 1902, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Mr. Allen M. Fletcher has presented to the trustees of the Fletcher Memorial Library and through them to the citizens of Ludlow and adjoining towns as a memorial to his father, the late Stoughton A. Fletcher, the land, building and books known as the Fletcher Memorial Library in Ludlow: Therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the voters of Ludlow in annual town meeting assembled, that in token of appreciation of this gift a vote of thanks is hereby extended to Mr. Allen M. Fletcher from the Town of Ludlow; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the selectmen of the Town of Ludlow be authorized and directed to draw orders on the town treasurer payable to the water commissioners and electric light commissioners of the Village of Ludlow to defray the expense of the water supply and electric lights at the Fletcher Memorial Library from November 1, 1901, and additional orders to pay all bills for fuel from this date, until the next annual town meeting and thereafter unless otherwise voted.

LUDLOW, Vermont, March 4, 1902.

The Fletcher Memorial Library of Ludlow, Vermont, stands on a beautiful site on Main street facing a small public park; on the south and west of the building are extensive grounds which in time will be beautified with shrubs and flowers. The building is a low, one-story structure, the style being that of the later English Renaissance. The front is a free adaptation of the Winchester School at Winchester, England. The entrance is in the center of the building, the wings on either side forming the reading rooms. The walls are of red brick with heavy Bedford limestone trimmings; the base of Medford granite; the roof of green slate with copper ridges. Over the entrance, supported by rusticated Doric pilasters, is a broken pediment carved with the Fletcher coat-of-arms. Above this is the name and date of erection. Over the windows on the front are elaborate festoons emblematic of "Plenty," carved in the limestone.

The interior of the vestibule is a square with semi-circular ends. On the left a marble staircase with wrought iron railings leads to the basement. The entire walls of the vestibule are of marble with Ionic pilasters; the ceilings and floor of marble mosaic—green, white and red. On the left wall is inserted a bronze tablet bearing the inscription: "In Loving Memory of Stoughton A. Fletcher this Building is Erected by his Son, Allen M. Fletcher."

The delivery room is square. The walls are of white Italian marble with Doric pilasters. The vaulted, stucco ceiling is beautifully brought out in blue and brown water color. The floor is colored marble mosaic of an elaborate design. The delivery desk is formed by one slab of Vermont marble, ten feet long and three feet wide.

The reading rooms on either side of the delivery room are finished in antique oak, paneled and pilastered to a height of ten feet. The walls above are dark green. The ceilings are arched and paneled, the beams being brought out in color. Elaborate mantels over large fire-places, in each reading room, are made of Caen stone, a peculiar composition quarried only in Caen, a town near Paris, France. The mantel in the east room is carved with the Fletcher coat-of-arms; the one in the west room with the

seal of the State of Vermont. Both rooms are furnished with heavy oak tables and chairs.

The book room is directly back of the delivery room. The finish and book cases are light oak; the walls are light buff and white. There are seven thousand books now on the shelves, and the room has a capacity for eighteen thousand. The librarian's room is in the angle formed by the west reading room and the book room. It is finished in dark oak, with rose colored walls.

The number and size of the windows is such that the entire building is perfectly lighted by day; and by night the artificial light of electricity is scarcely less satisfactory.

The combination of the plain but substantial exterior, together with the richness and grandeur of the interior, makes a building of rare beauty and one unique among libraries.

Mr. W. R. Eastman, Inspector of the Public Library Department of the University of the State of New York, with headquarters at the State Capitol at Albany, has spoken with commendation of the plan of the Fletcher Memorial Library in his public addresses, and has furnished the following statement of his criticism for this book:

"In showing and comparing various library floor plans I have contrasted that of the Fletcher Memorial Library with another of similar form which cuts off the book room from any possible communication directly with the reading rooms, while the book room at Ludlow overlaps both reading rooms and has a door opening into each of them. One library emphasizes the idea of security of books and the other that of their usefulness, and in this respect yours is much to be commended. The compact grouping of the rooms, bringing them under ready supervision from the desk, is admirable. The ample height and space for adding books is an excellent feature."

Norwich.—Norwich Library is a dedicated reality. On the afternoon of February 25, 1902, a goodly company gathered in the Congregational Church to listen to interesting and instructive dedicatory exercises. Two from Dartmouth College, Prof. C. F. Richardson and Prof. Justin H. Smith, talked about The Influence of Books on a Community, and Small Libraries. The first mentioned, with many other helpful suggestions, gave one he wished remembered, if the rest were forgotten. He advised all to read, on an average, one book each fortnight.

Prof. Smith, a former resident of the town, before telling of some small libraries of great men, gave an account of the "Prehistoric Age" of the Norwich Library—a movement among some of the boys which secured books that were later turned over to this association.

It may here be stated that the Young Men's Christian Association and a woman's club also had books which were handed down.

Mr. H. V. Partridge was the Historian of the Library, and Mr. H. B. Colds urged Town Loyalty upon the residents. E. F. Phelps of Lebanon, the contractor, formally presented the keys, which were received by Rev. N. R. Nichols, one of the trustees, who also gave the financial statement rendered by Miss S. J. Burton, and made a prayer. The church choir finished two anthems for the occasion.



FLETCHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY—BOOK ROOM.



FLETCHER MEMORIAL LIBRARY—READING ROOM.



As they left the church quite a large proportion of the audience accepted the invitation to inspect the building, and wended their way through the quiet village, up the main street, on the east side of which stands the little one-story structure. More than one pronounced it "a gem."

Of simple yet classic design, built of brick on a granite foundation, with trimmings of white, it bears over the pillared portico, in letters of gold, the inscription: "A. D. 1901—NORWICH LIBRARY." The door, partly of stained glass, as well as the half-circular colored window over it, was the gift of Mr. Nichols in memory of his wife, who died within the year. A lighted lamp of ancient design is represented on the window, which has also an appropriate memorial inscription. The upper parts of the windows on each side of the door were also special gifts, one bearing as illustration an open book, the other an anchor entwined with a dolphin and the word ALDUS, the distinguishing mark of the Aldine books.

The main room of the library is light and pleasant, with shelves on the walls to accommodate the more than twenty-three hundred books, while a small room at the left of the entrance, with shelves for periodicals, will serve as a reading room and a still smaller one as a business office, from which stairs lead to the furnace cellar.

The ladies have made heroic and successful efforts to secure furnishings, and the tasteful rugs and draperies, the pictures and busts, together with the comfortably cushioned window-seats, the sofa, settle, chairs and tables, give the impression of a well-appointed private library rather than one devoted to public uses.

Some of the above mentioned articles, as well as others, were given by individuals, while the rest were purchased with money obtained at a fair or by solicitation.

The building, which cost about twenty-five hundred dollars, is free from debt. The money was raised by subscription through the untiring efforts of Miss Burton, and much of it was given by widely-scattered former residents of Norwich. This library is not a free one. As there is no fund to provide for new books and repairs, each member of the association pays an annual fee, and any one else can draw books by paying the same or a fixed price per month. Books bought from time to time are carefully selected.

The rooms are open on Friday afternoons only. Mrs. Ellen Knight, the librarian, gives her services then, and, with others, devotes much time to the interests of the cause.

As yet the library has few furnishings except books, but the ladies are making heroic and successful efforts to secure funds with which to add to the beauty and comfort of the interior, and expect that soon the effect within, as well as without, will be pleasing and satisfactory.

—[*Mary A. Loveland, Norwich, Vt., in Inter-State Journal.*]



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| Term expires November 30, 1905. | | |
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| Term expires November 30, 1906. | | |
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| Term expires November 30, 1907. | | |
| CLARKE C. FITTS, | - - - | Brattleboro |
| Term expires November 30, 1908. | | |

TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

The Board of Library Commissioners herewith submits its fifth Biennial Report.

ESTABLISHMENT OF FREE LIBRARIES.

During the ten years of the existence of the Board of Library Commissioners ninety-nine free public libraries have been established with state aid, distributed by years as to the date of their establishment as follows: 1895, 30; 1896, 29; 1897, 5; 1898, 6; 1899, 13; 1900, 2; 1901, 8; 1902, 2; 1903, 3; 1904, 1. Since the last report was issued the three towns of Barnard, Pawlet and Underhill have availed themselves of the privileges of the free library law, and Guildhall by the provisions of a special act of the Legislature of 1902 received the \$100 worth of books purchased with the state appropriation.

The number of towns voting favorably upon the measure to support a free public library has usually and very naturally decreased each succeeding year since the passage of the law. When the law went into effect many of the towns were ready for such a step, the conditions therein were favorable, and, in some, valuable existing libraries easily formed the foundation for free public libraries. Now, while the field is neither so large nor so fruitful in immediate results, there is still ample opportunity for the earnest and untiring efforts of all friends of true progress and enlightenment. Nor need they be discouraged. There are over one hundred towns in Vermont today that need a free public library. Nearly every one of these can secure and support a library when the people fully understand the value of such an institution. The first step toward securing a library is to convince the people that libraries are an essential part of a system of education, and that a public library should be as much a public institution as a public school, and should be maintained by the public for the same reasons. Public sentiment upon this subject can be aroused and educated through the press, from the platform

and by individual appeals. The leaders in any local movement should include in their canvass all citizens, irrespective of business, politics or creed. They should secure, so far as possible, the sympathy and active help of all classes and factions. It is well to get large gifts, if possible, but best not to wait for them. They are more likely to come after a start has been made. As a rule, the libraries which are the result of united effort do better work in their early years than those which are founded and entirely supported by individuals.

The success of any library, be it reference or circulating, may properly be measured by the extent of its use. Judged upon this basis the libraries of the state appear to be, on the whole, eminently successful. The town library and librarian reach out to all classes, but possibly the most marked results are among the poorer people. They can in a measure do for the children from sordid homes what the home library and the cultivated father and mother do for the children from refined homes.

GIFTS TO LIBRARIES.

Generous gifts have been made during the last two years to the libraries of the state. These gifts are in the form of money, books and buildings. It is perhaps fortunate, as it is true, that more and more library benefactors regard it of first importance to provide the libraries with suitable homes in which their work can be carried on more extensively and more effectively. The result is that in quite a number of Vermont villages one of the most attractive buildings is the public library, which often is the expression of the continued interest in and love for the old home of some person of means. May their number rapidly increase.

ROUND TABLES.

Following out the recommendation of the A. L. A. at the Niagara meeting two Library "Round Tables" were held by the Commission in the autumn of 1903, the first in the Athenæum at St. Johnsbury, and later one with the Rutland Free Library.

The purpose of these meetings was to bring together for a day—in an informal way—librarians and those immediately interested in library management, for conference on details of the work, to compare notes, to help and be helped, and experience proved that the meetings served their purpose admirably.

There were two sessions, morning and afternoon, those present were mostly librarians, and the questions discussed were of the most practical nature,—“How to select and purchase books, and how to put them on the shelves,” “How to get them into the hands of the public,” “How to mend them when necessary,” “How to interest and hold the children,” “How to make the library most useful to teachers and pupils in the public schools,” and others pertinent to library work.

The meetings were entirely informal, all joining freely in discussion.

That those present found interest and profit was proven by the numerous requests that were made for similar meetings to be held from time to time.

CHANGES IN THE BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

In November, 1902, Mr. Howland resigned and was succeeded by Mrs. C. M. Winslow of Brandon. In October, 1903, only a short time before his tragic death, Mr. Rustedt, who had been a member of the Board from its establishment, resigned and the Governor appointed Mr. Clarke C. Fitts of Brattleboro as his successor.

Mr. Rustedt's services as a commissioner were characterized by the same thoroughness, fairness and judicial carefulness which marked all of his other work. His instrumentality in all that has been accomplished by the Board was large and was the practical expression of his deep and abiding faith in the inestimable value of the free public library.

In accordance with the provisions of an act of the Legislature of 1902, authorizing the Board to employ a secretary, Miss Esther Taber of Burlington was elected to this position in February, 1903, and performed its duties acceptably until September, 1904, when she resigned and was succeeded by Miss Frances Hobart of Cambridge, Vermont.

INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIBRARY WITH STATE AID.

If any town wishes to take advantage of the act which will be found printed on a following page in this report the following articles should be inserted in the warning for the coming town meeting.

1. To see if the town will elect a board of library trustees and instruct such board to make an application to the State Board of Library Commissioners under Act No. 37, Acts of 1894.

2. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the maintenance of a free public library.

The Commissioners suggest that the board of library trustees be elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 890 and be, as therein set forth, five in number and elected when first chosen, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years.

Upon application to the Library Commissioners a blank will be furnished entitled "Application of the Board of Library Trustees" to which should be attached the blank filled out by the town clerk.

These blanks are as follows:

No. 1.

(Attach to this the certificate of the Town Clerk.)

STATE OF VERMONT.

APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

....., Vt.,..... 190

To the Board of Library Commissioners:

The Library Trustees of the town of.....
Vermont, elected as specified in the attached certificate of the Town Clerk, hereby make application, under the provisions of Act 37 of the Acts of 1894, for the appropriation of \$100 therein made by the State.

.....
Chairman Board of Trustees.

No. 2.

To be attached to the
Application of the Trustees.

STATE OF VERMONT.

CERTIFICATE OF TOWN CLERK.

.....Vt.,..... 190

To the Board of Library Commissioners:

I,.....Town Clerk of.....Vermont,
hereby certify that at the annual town meeting of said town held

on the first Tuesday of March, 190 , the following named persons were elected a board of library trustees for the terms specified :

(Name.)

(Term for which elected.)

That at said March meeting the town voted to instruct such board to make application to the State Board of Library Commissioners under Act No. 37 of the Acts of 1894:

That at said meeting the town further voted an appropriation for the maintenance of its free public library in the sum of..... dollars; and that the grand list of said town when said vote was taken was

I further certify that the town of..... has no free public library owned or controlled thereby, and that the action hereinbefore set forth was taken pursuant to the following articles inserted in the warning for said town meeting:

Town Clerk of....., Vermont.

The Commissioners will then send the trustees the following blank to be filled out and returned to them.

No. 3.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

To the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees :

....., Vermont.

DEAR SIR:

Section 4 of No. 37 of the Acts of 1894, entitled, "An act to promote the establishment of free public libraries," reads in part as follows:

"No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has elected a board of library trustees and *until such trustees*



have provided in a manner satisfactory to the State Board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act."

In view of the obligation thus resting upon the State Board of Library Commissioners, you are requested to make answer to the following questions:

1. What provision has been made for a library room and where is it located?

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2. Who is to be the librarian, if determined, and what, if any, compensation is to be paid?

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3. What days and hours is the library to be kept open for the loan and return of books?

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4. Are any books already available or soon to be turned over to the town as a part of the free public library? If so, please furnish the secretary of the State Board with a complete list of such books, that they may not be duplicated.

5. Is there any library already established in the town? If so, please state the approximate number of books in it, its condition, and in a general way the terms upon which books are loaned.

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6. By what name is your library to be known?

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It is suggested that you keep a book, containing a record of all books furnished by the State, and enter in this book a record of each volume added to the library from whatever source.



LUNENBURG FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

While it is the duty of the State Board to eventually decide upon the books to be furnished each town, they would nevertheless be pleased to receive voluntary suggestions from the trustees in each town as to the character of books preferred, or even to receive lists of books considered desirable if any trustees wish to submit them. Since, however, the responsibility for the selection to be made rests upon the State Board alone they cannot promise to follow suggestions made by trustees further than their judgment approves.

.....Secretary.

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PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

VALUE OF PERIODICALS.

The Commission wish to call the attention of such libraries as are not now making collections of magazine literature to the great value of such collections for reference work; and, if the magazines are bound, for general circulation. For little more than the cost of binding, libraries may acquire invaluable material. If a library cannot afford to bind, the magazines may still be made very convenient for use by tying them neatly into volumes, arranged by volume and number, not by year and month.

COLLECTION OF PERIODICALS.

In the better class of these magazines are contained the best fiction, the best poetry, the best essays, or discussions which the literary world has produced for the past fifty years. If you are unable to get full sets, or complete volumes, get odd numbers, trusting that in time you may complete your volume or set by other gifts. The St. Nicholas, and Youth's Companion will be found invaluable for work in the schools; the Forum, North American Review and Outlook for the high school debating societies; the Century, Harper's monthly and Scribner's magazine for travel, art and literature clubs.

CLEARING HOUSE FOR PERIODICALS.

In the hope of helping the libraries of the state to build up reference collections of magazines, the Commission has established a clearing house for periodicals. It is the purpose of the clearing

house to supply volumes or parts of volumes needed by libraries to complete sets. In return the libraries are expected to send all duplicates to the clearing house, that other libraries may be benefitted also.

HOW TO BENEFIT BY IT.

In making a list, the librarian should designate with accuracy the magazines wanted. It is well not only to give volume and number, but also date of publication. The commission will pay for transportation of all material received, and send to libraries freight or express unpaid. Correspondence on this subject is solicited by the Commission.

VALUE OF INDEXES.

If the magazines are to be used for references an index is a necessity. These have heretofore been very expensive, but an abridged index has been issued recently, referring to nearly thirty periodicals, which furnishes in convenient form the help needed. It is called Poole's abridged index, and is published by Houghton; price, twelve dollars.

Mr. Frederick Winthrop Faxon, Secretary of the American Library Association says, "Given Poole's Index and a complete set of Littell's Living Age and of Harper, more work can be done than with twice the number of reference books not periodicals."

ANNUAL BOOK LIST.

1903.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

DENNIS, J. B. Century survey of foreign missions. Revell, \$4 net.
Who's Who in America. 1903. Marquis, \$2.75.

FINE ART.

CAFFIN, C. H. American masters of painting. [Treats of Whistler, Sargent, Inness and others.] Doubleday, \$1.25.
CHAPIN, A. A. Masters of music, their lives and works. [Tells of Handel, Bach, Gluck, Liszt, Wagner and others. Of interest to the general reader.] Dodd, \$1.50.
CROWEST, F. J. Story of the art of music. [A concise history of music, musical instruments and most famous composers.] Appleton, 35c.

*HURL, ESTELLE M., ed. Tuscan sculpture. Van Dyck. (Riverside art series.) Houghton, library ed. 75c net; school ed. 50c.

- TAYLOR, C. W., JR. Why my photographs are bad. Jacobs, \$1 net.
 WILSON, H. Silverwork and jewelry: a text-book for students and workers in metal. (Artistic crafts series.) Appleton, \$1.40 net.

USEFUL ARTS.

- CLARKE, W. J. A B C of electrical experiment. [A practical elementary book especially adapted to beginners and students.] Excelsior, \$1.
 *FERNOW, B. E. Economics of forestry. [Of practical use to farmers.] Crowell, \$1.50 net.
 *GIFFORD, JOHN. Practical forestry. [For beginners in forestry, agricultural students and others desiring a general knowledge of the art.] Appleton, \$1.20 net.
 HASKINS, C. W. How to keep household accounts. Harper, \$1 net.
 HILL, JANET MCK. Practical cooking and serving: a complete manual of how to select, prepare and serve food. Doubleday, \$2 net.
 *HOPKINS, S. A. Care of the teeth. Appleton, 75c net.
 KEAN, A., *comp.* With a saucepan over the sea. [Contains quaint and delicious receipts from the kitchens of foreign countries.] Little, \$1.50 net.
 *THOMAS, H. H. The book of the apple. [Chapters on the history and cookery of the apple and on the preparation of cider.] Lane, \$1 net.
 WARE, FRANCIS M. First hand bits of stable lore. [Gives thirty years' active experience with horses.] Little, \$2 net.
 *WEEKS-SHAW, C. Text-book of nursing. (3rd ed. rev. and enlarged.) Appleton, \$1.40.
 *WHEELER, C. T. How to make rugs. Doubleday, \$1 net.

BIOGRAPHY.

- BURROUGHS, JOHN. John James Audubon. (Beacon series.) Small, 75c net.
 CUYLER, T. W. Recollections of a long life. Baker Taylor, \$1.50 net.
 EASTMAN, CHARLES A. Indian boyhood [Dr. Eastman is a Sioux Indian, and this is the story of his young days among his own tribe.] McClure, \$1.60 net.
 HIGGINSON, T. W. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. (American men of letters series.) Houghton, \$1.10 net.
 *LEE, SIDNEY. Queen Victoria. Macmillan, \$3 net.
 MCCALL, S. W. Daniel Webster. Houghton, 85c net.
 MCMASTER, J. B. Daniel Webster. Century, \$2 net.
 NICOLAY, J. G. Abraham Lincoln. [Condensed from Nicolay and Hay's "Abraham Lincoln: a history."] Century, \$2.40 net.
 REID, WEMYSS. William Black, novelist. Harper, \$2.25 net.
 *SEDGWICK, H. D., JR. Samuel de Champlain. Houghton, 65c net.
 *THWAITES, R. G. Daniel Boone. Appleton, \$1 net.
 WOODBERRY, GEORGE E. Nathaniel Hawthorne. (American men of letters series.) Houghton, \$1.10 net.

*Starred books are those especially recommended by the Commission.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

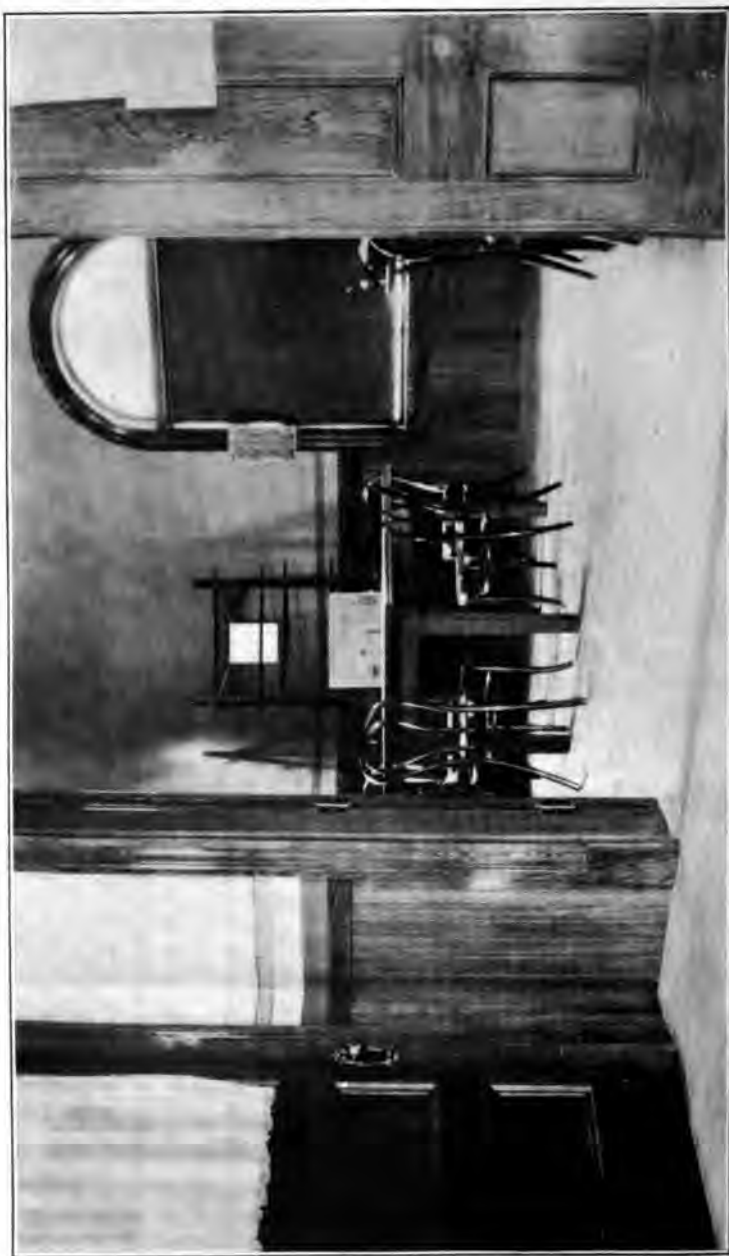
- *BARBOUR, RALPH H. Behind the line. Appleton, \$1.20 net.
- BAUM, FRANK L. Life and adventures of Santa Claus. [For very little children.] Bowen-Merrill, \$1 net.
- *BEARD, L. and A. B. What a girl can make and do. [A book of occupations and amusements for girls.] Scribner, \$1.60 net.
- BEECHER, T. K. In time with the stars. Revell, 75c.
- CANFIELD, H. S. Boys of the Rincon Ranch. [A story of ranch life in Texas.] Century, \$1 net.
- CARPENTER, K. E. The story of Joan of Arc for boys and girls. Lee, 80c net.
- CHAMBERS, ROBERT W. Outdoorland. Harper, \$1.50 net.
- *CLARK, H. H. Admiral's aid. [Story of life in the new navy.] Lothrop, \$1 net.
- CONNOLLY, JAMES B. Jeb Hutton. [A tale of adventure along the Savannah river.] Lothrop, \$1 net.
- CRADDOCK, CHARLES E., *pseud.* Champion. Houghton, \$1.20.
- DEMING, THERESE O. Red folk and wild folk. [These are Indian stories illustrated in color by E. W. Deming. Attractive books for tables in the children's rooms.] Stokes, \$1.60 net.
- DICKENS, CHARLES. Ten girls from Dickens: comp. by Kate D. Sweetser. Taylor, \$2 net.
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|--------------|--|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
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| Ferriaburg | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Goshen | No library | | | | | | | | | |
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| Leicester | No library | | | | | | | | | |
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| Middlebury | Ladies' Library | 1866 | No | Emma L. Higley | 4,600 | | No | | | |
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| Starksboro | No library | | | | | | | | | |
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|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Arlington..... | Arlington Circulating Lib. | 1899 | No | Martha H. Canfield. | 300 | No | No | \$ 500.00 | \$ 525.00 | |
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| Landgrove..... | Landgrove Public Library. | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. G. M. Harris. | 273 | | | | | |
| Manchester..... | Mark Skinner Library..... | 1897 | No | C. M. Chamberlain. | 14,350 | 661 | Yes | 15 00 | 40,000.00 | Mrs. Henry J. Willing. |
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| Readsboro..... | Readsboro Free Library..... | 1899 | Yes | A. P. Bishop | 579 | | | | | |
| Rupert..... | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Sandgate..... | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
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| Shafsbury..... | South Shafsbury Lib. Assn. | 1874 | No | Mrs. Sarah Winfield. | 800 | | No | | | |
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| Sunderland..... | Sunderland Town Library..... | 1896 | Yes | J. M. Gregory. | 254 | 42 | Yes | 15 00 | | |
| Winhall..... | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
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| { West..... | Ladies' Library Association..... | 1875 | No | Gertrude E. Burt..... | 1,143 | 40 | No | | | |
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| Kirby..... | Jeudevine Memorial Library..... | 1897 | Yes | Carrie P. Bridgman..... | 665 | 83 | No | *400.00 | | |
| Lyndon..... | Kirby Public Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. A. S. Graves..... | 522 | | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Newark..... | Lyndon Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. H. Duston..... | 2,279 | 189 | Yes | 350.00 | | |
| Peacham..... | Ladies' Library..... | | No | Mrs. C. T. Gray..... | 375 | 68 | No | | 1,535.00 | Thaddeus Stevens and others. |
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| St. Johnsbury..... | Ryegate Free Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Mary S. Beattie..... | | | | | 52,000.00 | Horace Fairbanks. |
| Sheffield..... | St. Johnsbury Athenæum..... | 1871 | Yes | E. T. Fairbanks..... | 17,000 | | | | | |
| Stannard..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
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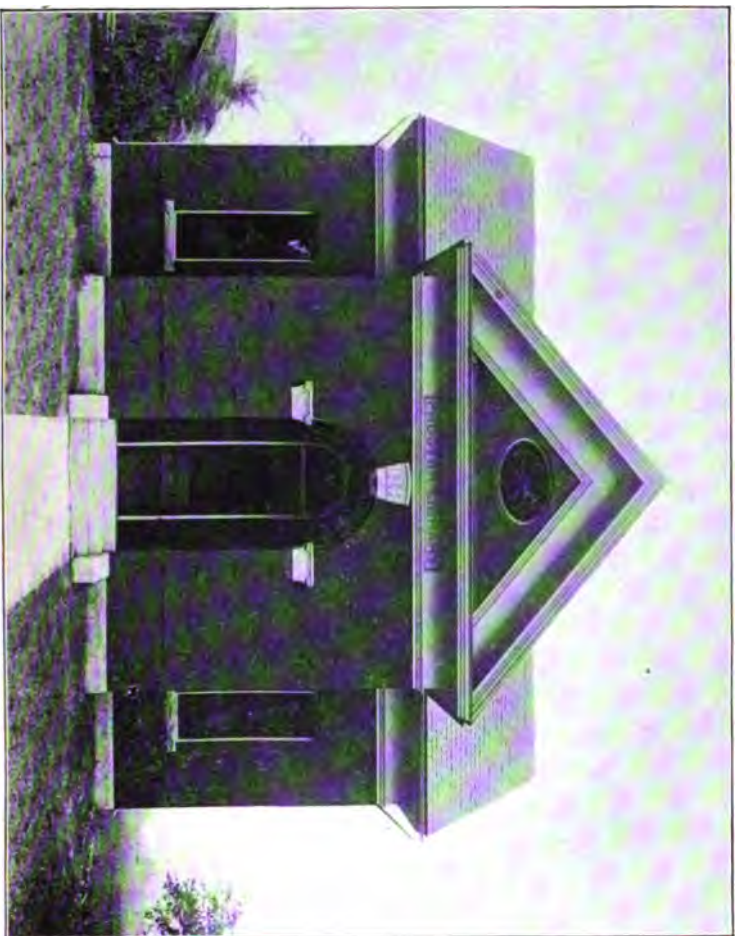
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| Burlington | Billings library | 1885 | Yes | Edith E. Clarke | 69,127 | 1,907 | No | | \$100,000.00 | Fred'k Billings' family. |
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| Burlington | Fletcher Free Library | 1904 | Yes | Sarah C. Hagar | 40,600 | 600 | No | \$2,200.00 | | |
| Charlotte | Breezy Point Library | 1903 | Yes | May C. Higbee | 500 | 60 | No | | | |
| Colchester | King's Daughters Library | 1900 | Yes | C. M. Parmelee | 230 | 109 | No | | | |
| Essex | Essex Free Library | 1899 | Yes | Irma W. Beach | 1,221 | 86 | Yes | 50.00 | | |
| Hinesburg | Hinesburg Public Library | 1902 | Yes | M. R. France | 750 | 25 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Huntington | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Jenicho | Jenicho Town Library | 1899 | Yes | Mrs. Jennie W. Hart | 300 | 40 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Milton | Milton Free Library | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. C. L. Wolcott | 300 | 13 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Richmond | Thomas Barber Library | 1888 | Yes | Mary Olmstead | 700 | | No | ‡ | 1,387.36 | Jonas F. Barber |
| St. George | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Shelburne | Shelburne Free Library | 1896 | Yes | Anna Dubuc | 1,114 | 93 | Yes | 65.00 | 150.00 | Mrs. W. S. Webb. |
| St. Burlington | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| Underhill | Underhill Library Ass'n | 1883 | No | Mrs. G. H. Benedict | 300 | 25 | No | | | |
| Underhill | Underhill Town Library | 1903 | Yes | Mrs. W. J. Fuller | | | | 25.00 | | |
| Westford | Westford Free Library | 1895 | Yes | O. H. Jackson | 625 | 36 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Williston | No library | | | | | | | | | |

Library free, 12 towns; library not free, 1 town; no library, 5 towns; total, 18 towns. * Appropriated by the city. † Yearly. ‡ Town pays salary of librarian.

ESSHX COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | NO. VOL. JULY, 1904 | NO. VOL. ADDED LAST YEAR | STATE AID. | AMT APP. BY TOWN IN 1904 | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|---|
| Bloomfield | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Highton. | Island Fund Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Leta J. Eaton. | 991 | 66 | Yes | \$ 120.00 | | |
| Canandaigua | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Cananda | Cananda Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. Albert Weeks. | 546 | 36 | | 25.00 | | |
| Canond | Canond Public Library | 1896 | Yes | H. C. Wilcox. | 900 | | | 26.00 | | |
| East Haven. | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Granby | Town library. | 1900 | Yes | Ida W. Wells. | 228 | 20 | Yes | 18.00 | | |
| Guildhall | Guildhall Public Library | 1901 | Yes | Mrs. Chas. F. Webb. | 820 | 85 | Yes | 66.00 | | Endowment furnished by Hon. E. C. Benson. |
| Lemington. | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Lancaster | Lancaster Public Library. | 1898 | Yes | Julia M. White. | | 38 | Yes | 60.00 | | |
| Madison | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Milton. | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Victory | Victory Public Library | 1897 | Yes | | 261 | 36 | | 15.00 | | |

Library free, 8 towns; no library, 5 towns; total, 13 towns. *Guildhall appropriated \$60.00, Northumberland, N. H., \$10.00, and both have free use of the library by terms of the bequest. † Makes appropriation for; and by terms of the bequest has free use of Guildhall Public Library.



PROCTOR PUBLIC LIBRARY—WEATHERSFIELD.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1904 | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | STATE AID. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN 1904 | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Bakersfield | † No library | | Yes | Edith Pratt | | | Yes | \$ 100.00 | | |
| Berkshire | Enosburg Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Miss A. B. Beeman | 400 | | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Enosburg | Fairfax Free Library | 1899 | Yes | Miss A. G. Soule | 800 | 40 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Fairfax | Fairfield Public Library | 1900 | Yes | Mrs. A. Carpenter | | | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Fairfield | Fletcher Free Library | 1896 | Yes | C. W. Powell | 750 | | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Fletcher | Franklin Public Library | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. Abner Bliss | | | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Franklin | Georgia Free Library | 1898 | Yes | Josephine H. Lyon | | | Yes | 50.00 | | |
| Georgia | Free Library | 1898 | Yes | Charles L. Martin | 650 | 128 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Highgate | Town Library | 1895 | Yes | Nellie S. Brown | | | No | | *\$350.00 | Arvin A. Brown. |
| Montgomery | Arvin A. Brown Public Lib. | 1895 | Yes | Bertha C. Jeunison | 5,067 | 382 | No | †600.00 | 1,000.00 | Luther B. Hunt. |
| Richford | St. Albans Free Public Lib. | 1865 | Yes | | | | | | | |
| St. Albans | § Sheldon Free Public Lib. | 1897 | Yes | F. P. Curtiss | 1,088 | | Yes | 50.00 | 8,000.00 | Jonathan Northrop. |
| " | Swanton Free Library | 1899 | Yes | Elizabeth S. Rogers | 2,899 | 321 | Yes | 200.00 | | |
| Sheldon | | | | | | | | | | |
| Swanton | | | | | | | | | | |

Library free, 14 towns; no library, 1 town; total, 15 towns. * Yearly. † Appropriated by the city, \$500.00. Appropriated by the town \$100.00. ‡ Brigham Academy Library free to citizens of Bakersfield. § Makes appropriation for, has free use of and has three members in the board of nine trustees of St. Albans city library.

GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1904 | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR | STATE AID | A'UNT APP. BY TOWN 1904 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Alburg..... | Alburg Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. F. H. Brayton. | 800 | 35 | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Grand Isle..... | Grand Isle Library Club.... | 1868 | No | Mrs. B. Uford..... | 250 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Isle La Motte..... | Isle La Motte Free Library | 1895 | Yes | Nellie Duba..... | 250 | ..... | Yes | 15.00 | ..... | ..... |
| North Hero..... | No Library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| South Hero..... | South Hero Public Library | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. Julia Hall..... | 452 | 82 | Yes | 15.00 | ..... | ..... |

Library free, 8 towns; library not free, 1 town; no library, 1 town; total, 5 towns.

LAMOILLE COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1904 | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR | STATE AID | AMT APP. BY TOWN 1904 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Belvidere..... | No Library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cambridge..... | *Cambridge Town Library..... | 1899 | Yes | Carrie P. Carroll..... | 850 | 80 | Yes | \$50.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Eden..... | No Library..... | ..... | ..... | Mrs. J. W. Raymond..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Elmore..... | No Library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hyde Park..... | Hyde Park Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | ..... | 1,000 | 60 | Yes | 50.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Johnson..... | Johnson Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Edward G. French..... | 801 | ..... | Yes | 50.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Morristown..... | Morristown Centennial Lib..... | 1891 | Yes | P. G. Fleetwood..... | 2,800 | ..... | No | 175.00 | \$500.00 D. T. Safford Fund | ..... |
| Stowe..... | Stowe Free Library..... | 1866 | Yes | Mrs. M. A. Jenney..... | 2,287 | 11 | No | 150.00 | 200.00 Mary Clark | ..... |
| Waterville..... | Free Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. R. A. Willey..... | ..... | ..... | Yes | ..... | 500.00 Poland | ..... |
| Wolcott..... | No Library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

Library free, 6 towns; no library, 4 towns, total, 10 towns. *Maintains two branches at Cambridge and Jeffersonville.

ORANGE COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | No. Vols. JULY, 1904 | No. Vols. ADDED LAST YEAR | STATE AID | AMT APP. BY TOWN 1904 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------|---|
| Bradford..... | Bradford Public Library..... | 1895 | No | Annie C. Spaulding.. | 3,075 | 73 | No | ..... | \$5,000.00 | J. L. Woods. |
| Braintree..... | Braintree Public Library..... | 1900 | Yes | Isabel Lasky..... | ..... | ..... | Yes | \$25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Brookfield..... | Brookfield Town Library..... | 1787 | No | Rudiah Farmer..... | 2,578 | 74 | No | 250.00 | ..... | Building given by Alden Speare. |
| Chelsea..... | Alden Speare Memorial Lib | 1892 | Yes | Nellie Corwin..... | ..... | ..... | No | 50.00 | ..... | (Mrs Almira Fennio, Mr. Chas. M. Blake, Mr. Nathan Blake. Also gave building. |
| Corinth..... | Blake Memorial Library..... | 1894 | No | Mrs. S. Butterfield..... | ..... | ..... | No | ..... | *500.00 | ..... |
| Fairlee..... | Fairlee Public Library..... | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. B. W. Abbott..... | ..... | ..... | Yes | 15.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Newbury..... | Tenney Memorial Library..... | 1897 | Yes | Francis M. Atkinson..... | 4,303 | 366 | No | 150.00 | *215.00 | Building given by Martha J. Tenney |
| Orange..... | Orange Library..... | 1881 | Yes | Mrs. Myra F. Davis..... | 600 | ..... | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Randolph..... | Kimball Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Anne L. DuBois..... | 5,400 | 370 | Yes | 800.00 | 3,300.00 | (Mrs Sarah J. Crocker, Building and furniture valued at \$17,000 given by Kimball. Col. R. J. |
| Stratford..... | Harris Library..... | 1855 | Yes | Marian C. Hatch..... | ..... | ..... | No | 15.00 | 1,050.00 | Building given by Hon. J. S. Morrill. |
| Thetford..... | (Latham Memorial Lib..... | 1876 | Yes | Mrs. F. E. Garey..... | 3,000 | 60 | No | ..... | 1,500.00 | Mrs. A. L. Barnacy. |
| Topsham..... | Peabody Library..... | 1867 | No | Harvey Dodge..... | ..... | ..... | No | ..... | 2,500.00 | ..... |
| Tunbridge..... | No Library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Vershire..... | Colton Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Rev. A. C. Dodge..... | ..... | ..... | Yes | 15.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Washington..... | Washington Town Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. Charles Emery..... | 747 | ..... | Yes | 25.00 | 600.00 | Mrs. H. A. White. |
| West Fairlee..... | No Library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Williamstown..... | Williamstown Social Lib..... | 1891 | No | George E. Wilber..... | 3,050 | 50 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |

Library free, 10 towns; library not free, 4 towns; no library, 3 towns; total, 17 towns. • Annually.

ORLEANS COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1904 | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR | STATE AID | AMT APP. BY TOWN 1902 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| Albany | No Library | | | | | | | | | |
| Barton | Barton Town Library | 1896 | Yes | L. M. Hubbard | | | Yes | \$200.00 | | |
| Brownington | Cong'l Sunday School Lib. | 1900 | No | Mabel Dutton | | | No | | | |
| Charleston | E. Charleston Read'g Circle | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. I. E. Wolkott | | | No | | | |
| Cavertown | No Library | | | | | | No | | | |
| Craftsbury | Craftsbury Academy Lib. | 1879 | Yes | Arthur C. Cole | | | No | | | |
| Dartmouth | No Library | | | | | | | | | |
| Dorset | No Library | | | | | | | | | |
| Glover | Glover Free Library | 1900 | Yes | Mrs. F. U. Jackson | 1,221 | | Yes | 100.00 | | { Building given by Mr. H. S. Tolman. |
| Grenshoro | | | | | | | | | | |
| Holland | No Library | | | | | | | | | |
| Iraaburg | No Library | | | | | | | | | |
| Jay | No Library | | | | | | | | | |
| Lowell | No Library | | | | | | | | | |
| Morgan | No Library | | | | | | | | | |
| Newport | Goodrich Memorial Lib. | 1899 | Yes | Lizzie M. Sargent | 8,000 | 200 | | 500.00 | \$32,000.00 | Converse G. Goodrich. |
| Troy | No Library | | | | | | | | | |
| Westfield | Westfield Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. E. S. Miller | 435 | 59 | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Westmore | Westmore Public Library | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. A. Bean | 400 | | Yes | 15.00 | | |

Library free, 7 towns; library not free, 1 town; no library, 10 towns; total, 18 towns.

RUTLAND COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARIAN | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1904 | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR | STATE AID | AMT APP. BY TOWN 1904 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|----------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|---|
| Benson | Benson Free Library | 1898 | Yes | 1,041 | 80 | Yes | \$ 100.00 | | |
| Brandon | Brandon Free Public Lib. | 1901 | Yes | 2,350 | 380 | No | | | |
| Castleton | Castleton Free Library | 1901 | Yes | 1,800 | 80 | Yes | 125.00 | | |
| Chittenden | Chittenden Free Public Lib | 1895 | Yes | 1,800 | 80 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Clarendon | No library | | | | | | | | |
| Danby | Danby Free Library | 1880 | Yes | 700 | | | | | |
| Fair Haven | Fair Haven Public Library | 1886 | Yes | 5,000 | 82 | No | 800.00 | | |
| Hubbardton | No library | | | | | | | | |
| Ira | Baptist Sunday School Lib. | 1850 | Yes | 713 | 104 | Yes | 160.00 | | |
| Mendon | No library | | | | | | | | |
| Middletown Sp. | Public Library | 1899 | Yes | 510 | 83 | Yes | 15.00 | | Walker Memorial building given by Henry P. Walker |
| Mt. Holly | No library | | | | | | | | M. D. otherwise endowed by several |
| Mt. Tabor | Pawlet Public Library | 1902 | Yes | 188 | 28 | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Pawlet | Pittsfield Free Town Lib. | 1890 | Yes | 6,055 | 346 | No | 259.32 | \$ 394.00 | |
| Pittsfield | Macaire Library | 1839 | Yes | 4,100 | 290 | Yes | 500.00 | | |
| Poultney | Poultney Public Library | 1895 | Yes | 5,125 | 150 | No | 150.00 | | |
| Proctor | Proctor Public Library | 1881 | Yes | 14,750 | 680 | No | 2,000.00 | | |
| Rutland | Rutland Free Library | 1886 | Yes | | | | | | |
| " | H. H. Baxter Memorial Lib | 1891 | Yes | | | No | | | Supported by H. H. Baxter. |
| " | Town | | | | | | | | |
| Sherburne | No library | | | | | | | | |
| Shrewsbury | No library | | | | | | | | |
| Sudbury | No library | | | | | | | | |
| Tinmouth | No library | | | | | | | | |
| Wallingford | Gilbert Hart Library | 1894 | Yes | 2,900 | | No | 435.00 | 2,000.00 | Susan E. Boyne |
| Wells | No library | | | | | | | | |
| West Haven | Free Circulating Library | 1899 | Yes | 284 | 19 | Yes | 31.00 | | |
| West Rutland | West Rutland Library | 1881 | Yes | 1,675 | 150 | No | 820.00 | | |

Library free, 17 towns; no library, 10 towns; total, 27 towns. • Annually.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | No. Vols July, 1904 | No. Vols Added Last Year | STATE AID | AMT APP. BY TOWN 1902 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|---|
| Barre..... | Barre Library Association..... | 1872 | No | Mrs. Louise L. Boyce | 2,778 | 334 | No | \$300.00 | \$2,500 | E. E. French |
| Barre (town of)..... | E. E. French Library..... | 1889 | No | " | 1,492 | 10 | No | | | |
| Berlin..... | No Library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabot..... | Cabot Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. J. L. Kimball | 700 | 56 | Yes | \$50.00 | | |
| Calais..... | Calais Circulating Library..... | 1832 | Yes | Mrs. A. I. Converse | 1,145 | 30 | No | | | |
| Dunbury..... | No Library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| E. Montpelier..... | Dramatic and Musical Club..... | 1877 | No | George Kelton | | | | | | |
| Fayston..... | No Library..... | 1899 | Yes | A. E. Lamberton | | | Yes | 150.00 | \$160 | |
| Marshfield..... | Jacquith Public Library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Middlesex..... | No Library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Montpelier..... | Kellogg-Hubbard Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mary E. Macomber | 14,190 | 832 | No | | 115,000 | Martin M. Kellogg. Fannie M. Kellogg. John E. Hubbard |
| Moretown..... | Moretown Library Asso..... | 1904 | No | Rev. O. B. Wells | 200 | | No | 254.00 | | |
| Northfield..... | Northfield Free Public Lib..... | 1895 | Yes | Ellen L. Brown | | | Yes | | | |
| Plainfield..... | No Library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Roxbury..... | No Library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Waitsfield..... | Waitsfield Town Library..... | 1903 | Yes | Flora Moriarty | 465 | 30 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Warren..... | Warren Town Library..... | 1901 | Yes | Mrs. Laura Parker | | | Yes | 50.00 | | |
| Waterbury..... | Waterbury Public Library..... | 1888 | No | Julia Parker | 2,180 | 157 | No | 50.00 | | |
| Woodbury..... | Woodbury Public Library..... | 1895 | Yes | B. H. Daniels | | | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| W. reater..... | No Library..... | | | | | | | | | |

Library free. 7 towns; library not free, 5 towns; no library, 8 towns; total, 20 towns. * For care of both libraries. † Annually. ‡ Main-
tains six traveling libraries in outlying districts. § Suffered from fire, May 17, 1904.

WINDHAM COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1904 | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR | STATE AID | AMT APP BY TOWN IN 1904 | ENDOWMENT | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Athens..... | Athens Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. J. S. Hastings. | 300 | 17 | Yes | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Brattleboro..... | Brattleboro Free Library.. | 1882 | Yes | Mrs. Mary F. Shakesher | 15,500 | | No | 1,800.00 | | |
| Brookline..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Dover..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Dummerston..... | Library Ass'n..... | 1874 | No | Henry H. Miller. | 150 | | No | | | |
| Grafton..... | Grafton Public Library..... | 1869 | Yes | Mrs. Thaddeus Park | 8,000 | 90 | No | 100.00 | \$ 500.00 | Mrs. L. B. Daniella. |
| Guilford..... | Guilford Free Library..... | 1891 | Yes | Mrs. Etta Hobart. | 1,300 | | No | 410.00 | 1,000.00 | Mrs. C. A. King. |
| Halifax..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Jamaica..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Londonderry..... | Londonderry Library Ass'n | 1882 | No | Mrs. H. A. Hayward | 1,000 | | No | | | |
| Marlboro..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Newfane..... | Moore Free Library..... | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. P. C. Moore. | 4,068 | 170 | No | 100.00 | 2,000.00 | Mrs. Philara C. Moore. |
| Putney..... | Putney Public Library..... | 1897 | Yes | Mrs. Minnie Pender | 8,001 | 70 | Yes | 150.00 | 500.00 | C. W. Kimball. |
| Rockingham..... | Rockingham Free Public Lib | 1888 | Yes | Mrs. N. A. Plantien. | 8,400 | 285 | No | | | |
| Somerset..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Stratton..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Townshend..... | Townshend Free Library... | 1899 | Yes | Mrs. F. L. Osgood. | 327 | 25 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Vernon..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Wardsboro..... | Wardsboro Free Library... | 1899 | Yes | Mrs. S. D. May. | | | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Westminster..... | Ladies' Aid Society Library | 1870 | No | Nelle Houghton. | | | No | | \$45.00 | |
| Whittingham..... | Whittingham Free Library... | 1899 | Yes | Carrie E. Chase. | | | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Wilmington..... | Wilmington Free Library... | 1895 | Yes | Lettie Kingley. | 1,383 | 89 | Yes | 50.00 | | |
| Windham..... | Windham Public Library... | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. M. M. Lamson | 447 | 57 | Yes | 15.00 | | |

Library free, 12 towns; library not free, 3 towns; no library, 8 towns; total, 28 towns. * Annually.



CHARLOTTE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

WINDSOR COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1904. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR | STATE AID | AMT APP. BY TOWN 1904. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------|--|
| Andover..... | Andover Town Library..... | 1896 | Yes | A. E. Stannard..... | 900 | 193 | Yes | \$ 15.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Bathmore..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bethel..... | Bethel Public Library..... | 1904 | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bridge-water..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | Nellie M. Adams..... | 1,110 | 81 | No | 85.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Cavendish..... | Fletcher Town Library..... | 1870 | Yes | E. G. White..... | 6,000 | 100 | No | 300.00 | ..... | Richard Fletcher. |
| Chester..... | Whiting Free Library..... | 1888 | Yes | G. Guevra Pollard..... | 3,220 | 80 | No | 200.00 | \$100.00 | Dr. Laurin G. and Abigail B. Whiting. |
| Hartford..... | Hartford Library..... | 1892 | Yes | Minnie B. Mason..... | 3,550 | 100 | No | ..... | 10,000.00 | Ephraim Morris. |
| Hartford (village of Wilder)..... | Wilder Club and Library..... | 1899 | Yes | L. M. Hodgkins..... | 1,331 | 65 | No | ..... | 30,000.00 | Charles T. Wilder. |
| Hartland..... | Hartland Public Library... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. W. W. Kelley... | 700 | 30 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Ludlow..... | Fletcher Memorial Library | 1901 | Yes | Frances M. Pierce... | 7,700 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | Given and mostly supported by Hon. A. M. Fletcher. Building given by popular subscription. |
| Norwich..... | Norwich Public Library..... | 1880 | Yes | Mrs. Ellen W. Knight | 2,600 | 22 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Plymouth..... | Plymouth Union and Tyson | ..... | No | (Mrs. O. Crawford.. | 268 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Pomfret..... | Pomfret Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. Phyllis Scott.. | 580 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Reading..... | Reading Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. W. W. Miller.. | 1,900 | ..... | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rochester..... | Rochester Free Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Minnie C. Fay..... | 1,900 | 117 | Yes | 25.00 | 100.00 | Mrs. A. E. Robinson. |
| Royalton..... | Royalton Free Library..... | 1874 | Yes | Mrs. C. F. Flint... | 1,974 | 40 | Yes | 20.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Sharon..... | Sharon Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Seymour C. Oliver.. | 830 | 40 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Springfield..... | Springfield Town Library... | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. H. A. Roberts.. | 728 | 40 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Stockbridge..... | Stockbridge Free Library + Belcher Library..... | 1871 | Yes | Mattie Goodnough.. | 4,919 | 200 | No | 500.00 | 153.52 | One-half proceeds of sale of Springfield Wesleyan Seminary building. |
| Weathersfield..... | Proctor Library..... | 1895 | Yes | J. A. Chedel..... | ..... | ..... | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | William C. Fletcher. |
| Weston..... | Weston Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | P. E. Steele..... | ..... | ..... | No | 75.00 | \$400.00 | Building given by Hon. B. Franklin Blood. |
| West Windsor..... | Mary L. Blood Mem'l Lib. | 1903 | Yes | Nellie P. Blanchard.. | 700 | ..... | No | 200.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Windsor..... | Windsor Library | 1898 | Yes | George H. Coburn..... | ..... | ..... | Yes | 50.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Woodstock..... | Norman Williams Pub. Lib | 1901 | Yes | J. A. Savage..... | ..... | ..... | Yes | 75.00 | ..... | Building given by Hon. B. Franklin Blood. |
| ..... | Windsor Library Ass'n..... | 1882 | Yes | Rev. E. N. Goddard.. | 9,900 | 217 | No | 500.00 | 10,000.00 | Hon. and Mrs. Hiram Harlow. \$500 annually received from endowment. |
| ..... | Norman Williams Pub. Lib | 1884 | Yes | Mrs. O. B. Jaquith.. | 14,405 | 688 | No | ..... | \$1,700.00 | Dr. E. H. Williams. |

Library free, 22 towns; library not free, 1 town; no library, 2 towns; total, 25 towns. *Annually. †Libraries united 1897.

ST. LOUIS EXHIBIT.

In February, 1904 a request was received from the Library of Congress asking that an exhibition of the work of the Vermont Commission should be sent to be incorporated in the "Exhibit of Libraries" for the Exposition at St. Louis.

In response to this request a large scrap book was made, which contained the following historical and descriptive material.

1. Comparative maps showing the condition of the state library field at the foundation of the Commission and during its progress until 1904.

2. A chronological list of the libraries established through the efforts of the Commission.

3. Sample lists of the books sent to the new libraries.

4. Set of application forms, statistical blanks and circulars sent out by the Commission.

5. Plates of typical libraries in rural districts, towns and cities.

6. Catalogues, circulars and reports of the Traveling Library Department.

A map was also prepared giving the location of all libraries in the state, free or otherwise, and stations for traveling libraries.

It is hoped that this exhibition will find a permanent place in the Library of Congress at the close of the Exposition, as it well illustrates the urgent need of the Library movement in the state before the foundation of the Commission and the remarkable response met with after its establishment. The following table was a part of this exhibit:

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF LIBRARIES ESTABLISHED BY
AID OF THE COMMISSION.

| NAME OF LIBRARY. | 1895 | WHERE LOCATED. |
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| Andover Town Library, | | Post Office. |
| Barton, | | Block. |
| Canaan Free Library, | | Block. |
| Chittenden Public Library, | | Residence. |
| Georgia Free Public Library, | | Town Hall. |
| Granby, Sunset Library, | | Town Hall. |
| Groton Public Library, | | Residence. |
| Granville Public Library, | | Residence. |

Hardwick, Hathaway Free Public Library,
 Hyde Park Public Library,
 Island Pond Public Library,
 Isle La Motte Public Library,
 Johnson Public Library,
 Kirby Free Public Library,
 Landgrove Public Library,
 Lunenburg Public Library,
 Lyndon Free Public Library,
 Marshfield Town Library,
 Montgomery Free Library,
 Northfield Free Public Library,
 Orange Public Library,
 Peru Free Public Library,
 Poultney Free Public Library,
 Ripton Free Library,
 Rochester Free Public Library,
 Ryegate,
 Sharon Public Library,
 Shelburne Free Library,
 Sheldon Town Library,
 South Hero Library,
 Stamford Free Public Library,
 Stockbridge Free Public Library,
 Sutton Free Library,
 Vershire Town Library,
 Walden Free Public Library,
 Waterville Town Library,
 Westford Town Library,
 West Windsor Free Public Library,
 Wilmington Free Library,
 Windham Library,
 Woodbury Town Library,
 Woodford,

Post Office.
 Post Office.
 Town Hall.
 Y. M. C. A.
 Residence.
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Store.

Residence.
 Block.
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1896.

Alburgh Town Library,
 Athens Public Library,
 Cabot Public Library,
 Concord Library,
 Enosburg Town Library,
 Fletcher Public Library,
 Franklin Library,
 Hartland Public Library,
 Newport Town Library,
 Orwell Free Library,
 Pomfret Public Library,
 Randolph Public Library,
 South Royalton,

Residence.
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 Post Office.
 Store.
 Residence.
 Store.

Residence.
 Town Hall.

Town Hall.

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| Sunderland Town Library, Waitsfield Public Library, Waterford Public Library, Westmore Public Library, | | Post Office. Residence. Residence. |
| | 1897. | |
| Castleton Free Public Library, Highgate Town Library, Reading (Pelchville), The Davis Library, Victory Public Library, Wheelock Public Library, | | Bank Building. Office. |
| | 1898. | |
| Benson Public Library, Fairlee Public Library, Milton Free Library, Shoreham Public Library, Weston Public Library, | | Drug Store. Residence. Residence. |
| | 1899. | |
| Cambridge Town Library, Essex Public Library, Fairfax Free Library, Jericho Town Library, Middletown Springs Public Library, Readsboro Free Library, Swanton Free Library, Townshend Public Library, Wardsboro Free Public Library, Westfield Town Library, Westhaven Free Public Library, Weybridge Free Public Library, Whitingham Free Library, | | Block. Residence. Drug Store. Studio. Residence. Town Hall. Residence. Residence. Town Hall. Residence. |
| | 1900. | |
| Barnet Public Library, Braintree Public Library, Greensboro Free Library, Lincoln Free Library, | | Residence. Room furnished by Ladies' Aid Society. Residence. |
| Warren Town Library, | | |
| | 1901. | |
| Fairfield Free Library, New Haven Town Library, Salisbury Public Library, | | Office. Academy. Residence. |
| | 1902. | |
| Addison Public Library, Bristol Free Library, Hinesburg Public Library, | | Residence. Block. Town Hall. |
| | 1903. | |
| Barnard, Charles B. Danforth Free Public Library, Guildhall Free Public Library, | | Town Hall. |



TRAVELING LIBRARY—EXTERIOR VIEW.



TRAVELING LIBRARY—INTERIOR VIEW.

INFORMATION IN REGARD TO TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

The legislature of 1900 passed the Traveling Library bill as found on a following page. By it the Vermont Free Library Commission was empowered to purchase a number of traveling libraries which it can loan to small libraries, or to library associations in farming communities and small villages. Each of these libraries contains from 30 to 50 volumes of interesting and wholesome books. It may remain in a community for six months and must then be returned to the Commission to be exchanged for another, if desired.

To secure the visits of these libraries the people of a community must first organize a library association which shall include at least three responsible citizens. They must elect a Secretary who shall be authorized to receive the libraries and return them, and who is empowered to act as their agent in dealing with the Commission. They shall also elect a librarian (though the Secretary may act as librarian) who shall have charge of the libraries which the association may receive. The Secretary and at least two other responsible members shall sign an application promising:

1. To pay the expenses of the transportation of these libraries from and to Burlington and to provide a suitable and convenient place in which to keep them.

2. That the books of these libraries shall be loaned without charge to any persons in the community who will observe the rules made by the Commission.

3. That the association will be responsible for the safe return of the books of the library in good condition except for unavoidable wear and tear.

The libraries will be sent by express.

There are now 39 library stations: of this number, 13 have become stations during the past two years. The whole number of libraries sent out in the past two years is 71. The reported circulation is as follows:

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| Fiction, - - - | 4547 |
| Children's books, - - | 2439 |
| Essays, poetry, travel, history, | 1568 |

8554

Number of readers, 1686.

There are on hand at present 23 large libraries, two school libraries, 10 small libraries and four special libraries. Of the special libraries one is for the study of the city of New York, the list of which we give below; one is a collection of books on the city of Washington; one is on India; and one a small collection of books of reference and articles of use to librarians.

There have been a good many demands for libraries to be loaned to schools. Several libraries have been so loaned and it is the purpose of the Commission to enlarge this branch of the work in the near future. As many libraries of books suitable for use in schools will be purchased as our appropriation will allow. These will be adapted to schools of various grades. The school directors may become responsible for them, or an association of citizens, if that is more convenient. It is not intended to restrict the use of books to the schoolroom or even to the pupils. They can be taken home, and can be loaned to adult members of families in the district.

It has seemed best to make up the traveling libraries in permanent form with printed catalogues. But the nucleus of a reserve library has been formed, from which groups of books for special use may be drawn. This nucleus now numbers 200 volumes.

Some towns hesitate about asking for a Traveling Library lest they be considered objects of charity. This is a mistaken notion. The books belong to the State of Vermont, and are for the free use of its citizens. No one is placed under any obligation in receiving them. They are one feature of the educational advantages which the State provides and are as free to its citizens as are its public schools.

The only expense to stations is for expressage. The American Express Company makes some reduction for libraries, so that the charges vary from \$.50 for a small box and short distance, to \$1.50 for a larger case and longer distance. Hence the sum of \$6.00 at the most would cover the expense of a Traveling Library for a year, and in many cases it falls below \$3.00. For from \$3.00 to \$6.00, a whole community can have the reading of from 60 to 100 books each year.

APPLICATION FOR TRAVELING LIBRARY.

To the Board of Library Commissioners for the State of Vermont:—

We the undersigned citizens of.....
, in which
 there is.....free public library, hereby apply for the loan of a
 traveling library under the Session Laws of 1900.

We name....., whom
 we know to be a responsible person, to act for us as secretary,
 and to have in charge said library and the correspondence relating
 thereto.

We hereby agree to return said traveling library within six
 months from its reception, to pay all transportation charges to
 and from....., and to make good any losses or
 injuries beyond reasonable wear, however accruing, while said
 library is in our custody.

.....this.....day
 of..... A. D. 190.....

TRAVELING LIBRARY, NO. XX.

CATALOGUE.

FICTION.

- I **Aldrich, Thomas Bailey.** Marjorie Daw and other people.
 Eight short delightful stories.

- 2 **Daskam, Josephine Dodge.** The madness of Philip.
Short stories about children.
- 3 **Chambers, Robert W.** The maid-at-arms.
Scene laid in central New York in Revolutionary times; some of the characters of Cardigan reappear.
- 4 **Hbers, George.** An Egyptian princess.
A story of Egypt, Persia and Greece at the time of Cambyases and Croesus.
- 5 **Fox, John, Jr.** The little shepherd of Kingdom Come.
A story of boy life among the Kentucky mountains and the Blue Grass region before the war; shows the way in which Kentucky was rent asunder by the war and the glory of Morgan's men.
- 6 **Howells, William Dean.** The Kentons.
Vicissitudes of an excellent Ohio family during a European trip undertaken to divert the eldest daughter from an undesirable match.
- 7 **Lorimer, George Horace.** Letters from a self-made merchant to his son.
Letters of advice and encouragement from a Chicago merchant to his son at Harvard and later at Chicago.
- 8 **Lyall, Edna (*pseud*).** The hinderers.
An English story of the latter part of Queen Victoria's reign.
- 9 **Ollivant, Alfred.** Danny.
A Scotch story of a dog.
- 10 **Page, Thomas Nelson.** Gordon Keith.
Scene is laid in Virginia in the Reconstruction period after the war. Northern aggressiveness and Southern helplessness are well contrasted.
- 11 **Parker, Gilbert.** The battle of the strong.
The scene is laid among the Channel Islands and in France during the Revolution.
- 12 **People of the whirlpool,** by the author of the garden of a commuter's wife.
A story of New York suburban life where the "whirlpoolers" live in summer.
- 13 **Reed, Myrtle.** Lavender and old lace.
The delightful story of two newspaper reporters who spend their vacation in a little seaport town "down east."
- 14 **Rice, Alice Hegan.** Lovey Mary.
A quaint delightful tale, the companion of "Mrs. Wiggs of the cabbage patch."
- 15 **Smith, Alice Prescott.** The legatee.
The struggles and misunderstandings between a young man who inherits a lumber mill in the far north and his employees.
- 16 **Ward, Mrs. Humphrey.** Lady Rose's daughter.
A story of modern English society.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

- 17 **Barbour, Ralph H.** Behind the line.
A story of school and college life with the foot ball eleven.
- 18 **Coolidge, Susan.** Clover.
The adventure of Clover and her brother in Denver.
- 19 **Dix, Beulah Marie.** A little captive lad.
The story of a little lad in the time of Roundhead and Cavalier.
- 20 **Frasier, W. A.** Mooswa, and other stories of the boundaries.
Stories told by the trappers of the furred dwellers of the northern forests.
- 21 **Gates, Eleanor.** The biography of a prairie girl.
The adventures and struggles of a girl brought up on a Dakota farm. May interest adults more than children.
- 22 **Macdonald, George.** The princess and the goblin.
A delightful fairy tale for children.

- 23 **Macdonald, George.** *St. George and St. Michael.*
A story of the time of Cromwell and King Charles.
- 24 **Macleod, Norman.** *The gold thread.*
A story of two boys for young folks.
- 25 **Moffett, Cleveland.** *Careers of danger and daring.*
Stories of brave deeds performed by common men in their every day work,
including the firemen, engineer and the wild beast tamer.
- 26 **Riley, James Whitcomb.** *The book of joyous children.*
Stories in poetry.
- 27 **Saunders, Marshall.** *'Tilda Jane.*
The story of how a little orphan found a home.
- 28 **St. Nicholas.** Vol. XXIX. Part 1.
- 29 **St. Nicholas.** Vol. XXIX. Part 2.
- 30 **Wade, Mary Hazelton.** *Our little Cuban cousin.*
Portrays the games, manners and adventures of a little Cuban child.
- 31 **Weed, Clarence Moores.** *Nature biographies.*
Stories of the lives of butterflies, moths, grasshoppers and flies.
- 32 **Whitney, Mrs. A. D. T.** *Faith Gartney's girlhood.*
The record of a girl's life from fourteen to twenty.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 33 **Brooks, John Graham.** *The social unrest.*
A study of the social forces now at work moulding the modern industrial world.
- 34 **Crowest, Frederick J.** *The story of art in music.*
A concise history of the growth of the theoretical and instrumental development of music.
- 35 **Cuyler, Theodore L.** *Recollections of a long life.*
The venerable Brooklyn pastor gives reminiscences which are largely of famous people, including Carlyle, Lincoln, Greeley, Dean Stanley, Spurgeon and others.
- 36 **De Windt, Harry.** *Finland as it is.*
The record of a journey through Finland, telling how others can do the same thing.
- 37 **Fairbanks, Edward Taylor.** *The wrought brim.*
Twelve talks full of hope and suggestion about the real things.
- 38 **Fernow, Bernhard E.** *Economics of forestry.*
Discusses questions of economics together with practical details and necessities of the forester's art. Reviews forestry movement in the United States.
- 39 **Fiske, John.** *New France and New England.*
Treats of Canadian development, Salem witchcraft, Norridgewock and Louisburg.
- 40 **Higginson, Thomas Wentworth.** *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.*
A biography rich in personal recollections and knowledge of Longfellow's Cambridge life.
- 41 **Hopkins, Samuel A.** *The care of the teeth.*
A few simple directions regarding the best methods of caring for the teeth.
- 42 **Lucas, Frederic A.** *Animals before man in North America.*
The story of animal life on our continent, as found in fossils and unearthed from the hills.
- 43 **Morse, F. C.** *Furniture of the olden time.*
A study of the different kinds of Colonial furniture with many pictures illustrating the different periods.
- 44 **Poole, Stanley Lane.** *The story of Cairo.*
An interesting description of the great city of the Nile with its mediæval and modern associations.

- 45 Waddington, Mary King.** Letters of a diplomat's wife.
These letters are by a daughter of the late Charles King, President of Columbia College. They cover the period of the Czar's coronation and ten years of diplomatic life in London.
- 46 Wagner, Charles.** The simple life.
A work of deep thought dealing with the problem of making life more simple; remarkable for its sane insight and helpfulness.
- 47 Wheeler, Mrs. Candace.** Principles of home decoration.
How to decorate the walls, ceilings, and floors of a house from kitchen to garret, in an artistic and appropriate manner adapted to the needs of the house.
- 48 Wise, John S.** The end of an era.
An autobiography full of reminiscences and anecdotes of the famous Confederate men who fought with and then helped rebuild the South.

GROUP OF BOOKS FOR THE STUDY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

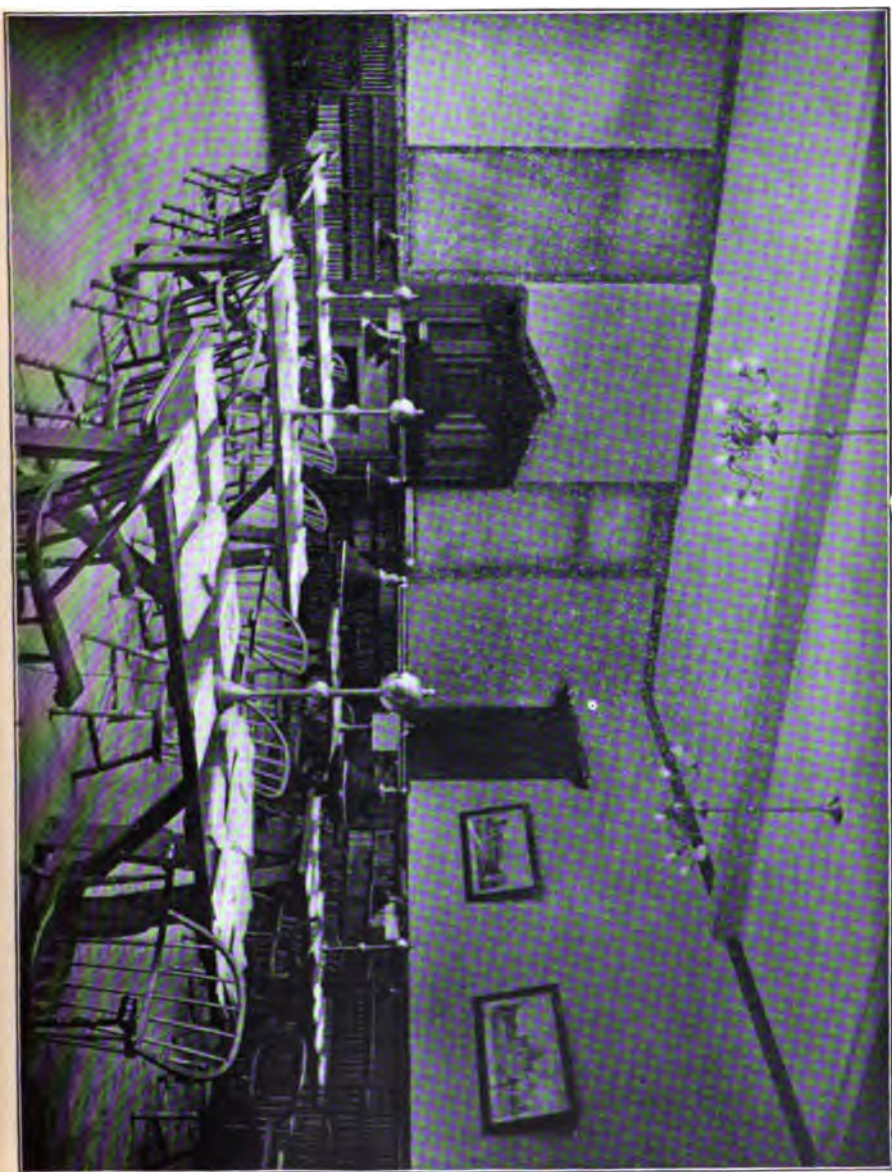
- ABBOTT, JOHN S. C.** Peter Stuyvesant.
- EARLE, ALICE MORSE.** Colonial days in old New York.
- FISKE, JOHN.** Dutch and Quaker colonies in America. Vol. I. Vol. II.
- HUBERT, P. G.** Men of achievement; inventors.
- IRVING, WASHINGTON.** Knickerbocker's history of New York.
- ROOSEVELT, THEODORE.** Historic towns: New York.
- STODDARD, WILLIAM O.** Men of achievement: men of business.
- TODD, CHARLES BURR.** Story of the city of New York.
- ULMANN, ALBERT.** A landmark history of New York.
- WILSON, R. R.** New York old and new. Vol. I. Vol. II.

FICTION.

- BARR, AMELIA.** Bow of orange ribbon.
Maid of Maiden Lane.
Trinity bells.
- BUNNER, H. C.** Story of a New York house.
- DOUGLAS, AMANDA.** A little girl in old New York.
- RAYNOR, E.** Free to serve.

LIBRARY FOR LIBRARIAN'S USE.

- CUTTER, C. A.** Expansive Classification. Rules for dictionary catalog.
- DEWEY, MELVIL.** Abridged decimal classification. Simplified library school rules.
- DANA, JOHN COTTON.** A library primer.
- PLUMMER, M. W.** Hints to small libraries.
- HUTCHINS, F. A.** Traveling libraries.
- SOULE, C. C.** Library rooms and buildings.
- WIRE, G. E.** How to start a public library.
A. L. A. Writing cards.
Rule. Label.
Accession books.
Register.
Shelf lists.



HINTS TO SMALL LIBRARIES.

By the kind permission of the author the following "Hints" are taken from "A Library Primer" by John Cotton Dana.

THE SELECTION OF BOOKS.

The selection of books should be left to the librarian, under the general direction of trustees or book committee.

There should be made at the start a collection of encyclopedias, dictionaries, gazetteers, and scientific compendiums, which should not be lent. The extent of this collection will depend on the scope and purposes of the library. No library, however small, can dispense with some books of reference. But for a small library don't buy expensive works. The Encyclopædia Britannica is an example of what not to get. * * * * *

Put into the people's hands books worthy of their respect, then insist that they be handled carefully and treated always with consideration. Expensive books; that is, books which are first-class in paper, ink, and binding, are generally better worth their cost than cheap ones.

In the first purchases buy largely for children. They are the library's best pupils. They are more easily trained to enjoy good books than their elders. Through them the homes are best reached. They will, by their free use of the library, and by their approval of it, do much to add to its popularity. The best books for children will be enjoyed by all.

In selecting fiction, get from the older librarians a statement of what are the most popular of the wholesome novels found on the shelves. A better guide than this it will be difficult to find. Fiction is of the greatest value in developing a taste for reading. Everyone should be familiar with the great works of imagination. Nearly all the greatest literature of the world is fiction. The educational value of the novel is not often questioned.

But don't buy a novel simply because it is popular. If you follow that line you will end with the cheapest kind of stuff. Some librarians pretend that they must buy to please the public taste; that they can't use their own judgment in selecting books for a library which the public purse supports. Why these librarians don't supply the Police Gazette it is difficult to understand. "The public" would like it—some of them. We select school committees and superintendents and teachers to run our schools. We ask them to inform themselves on the subject and give us the best education they can. They don't try to suit everybody. They try to furnish the best. Library trustees and librarian are in a like case. The silly, the weak, the sloppy, the wishy-washy novel, the sickly love story, the belated tract, the crude hodge-podge of stilted conversation, impossible incident, and moral platitude or moral bosh for children—these are not needed. It is as bad to buy them and circulate them, knowingly, as it would be for our school authorities to install in our schoolrooms as teachers romantic, giggling girls and smarty boys. Buy good novels, those the wise approve of, in good type, paper, and binding; keep plenty of copies of each on hand; put them where your readers can handle them; add a few each year of the best only of the latest novels, and those chiefly

on trial (not to be bought again if found not to have real merit) and your public will be satisfied, and your library will be all the time raising the taste of the community.

ACCESSIONING BOOKS.

A careful record should be made of all books received. Use for this purpose what is called an accession book. This is a blank book ruled and lettered and numbered especially for library invoices. (See the Library Bureau Catalog.) It is the library's chief record, and should contain a complete history of every volume on its shelves. The items entered in the accession book concerning every volume in the library are commonly the following: Date of entry; accession number; class number (religion, sociology, etc.); author; title; place of publication and name of publisher; date of publication; binding (cloth, leather, etc.); size (octavo, quarto, etc.); number of pages; name of dealer from whom purchased; cost; remarks (maps, plates, etc.; books rebound; magazines, etc.; lost, worn out, replaced by another book, etc.)

Each book and each volume of a set has a separate accession number and a separate entry. Each entry occupies a line; each line is numbered from one up to such a number as the library has volumes. The number of each line, called the accession number, is written on the first page after the title-page of the book described on that line. The accession book is a life history of every book in the library. It forms such a record as any business-like person would wish to have of property entrusted to his care. It is also a catalog of all books in the library, and a useful catalog as long as the library is small. Never use an old accession number for a new book even though the original book has disappeared from the library.

CLASSIFYING BOOKS.

Books may be classified into groups in a catalog or list, yet themselves stand without order on the shelves. For convenience in getting for anyone all the books on a given subject, and especially for the help of those who are permitted to visit the shelves, all books should stand in their appropriate classes. Each book, therefore, should bear a mark which will tell in what class it belongs; distinguish it from all other books in that class; show where it stands on the shelves among its fellows of the same class; and indicate which one it is of several possible copies of the same book. This mark can be used to designate the book in all records of it, instead of the larger entry of its author and title.

There are two classification systems worthy of consideration, the Dewey, or decimal, and the Cutter, or expansive. * * *

Having decided on your system of classification, begin to classify. This is one of the many things which can only be learned by doing. Give fiction no class number, but an author number or "book-mark" only, as explained in a later chapter. Give all biography a single letter as its class number, and follow this by the author number.

Distinguish all juvenile books, whether fiction or other, by writing before their numbers some distinguishing symbol.

Take up first, in classification proper, the subjects of history and travel, which will be found comparatively easy.

It is easier to classify 25 or 50 books at a time in any given class than it is to classify them singly as you come to them in the midst of books of other classes. Consequently, group your books roughly into classes before you begin work on them. * * *

If, after you have made up your mind, from an examination of the title page, or table of contents, or a few pages here and there, what subject a book treats of in the main, you are still in doubt in what class to place it, consider what kind of readers will be likely to ask for it, and in what class they will be likely to look for it, and put it into that class. In doubtful cases the catalogs of other libraries are often good guides.

Keep your classification as consistent as possible. Before putting a book, about which there is any opportunity for choice, in the class you have selected for it, examine your shelf list and see that the books already there are of like nature with it.

Classify as well as you can, and don't worry if you find you have made errors. There are always errors. Don't get into the habit of changing. Be consistent in classifying, and stick by what you have done.

THE DEWEY OR DECIMAL SYSTEM OF CLASSIFICATION.

The field of knowledge is divided into nine main classes, and these are numbered by the digits 1 to 9. Cyclopedias, periodicals, etc. so general in character as to belong to no one of these classes, are marked nought, and form a tenth class. Each class is similarly separated into nine divisions general works belonging to no division having nought in place of the division number. Divisions are similarly divided into nine sections, and the process is repeated as often as necessary. Thus 512 means Class 5 (Natural science), Division 1 (Mathematics), Section 2 (Algebra), and every algebra is numbered 512.

The books on the shelves and the cards in the subject catalog are arranged in simple numerical order, all class numbers being decimals. Since each subject has a definite number, it follows that all books on any subject must stand together. The tables show the order in which subjects follow one another. Thus 512 Algebra precedes 513 Geometry, and follows 511 Arithmetic.

DIVISIONS.

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| 000 General Works | 500 Natural Science |
| 010 Bibliography. | 510 Mathematics. |
| 020 Library Economy. | 520 Astronomy. |
| 030 General Cyclopedias. | 530 Physics. |
| 040 General Collections. | 540 Chemistry. |
| 050 General Periodicals. | 550 Geology. |
| 060 General Societies. | 560 Paleontology. |
| 070 Newspapers. | 570 Biology. |
| 080 Special Libraries. Polygraphy. | 580 Botany. |
| 090 Book Rarities. | 590 Zoology. |

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| 100 Philosophy | 600 Useful Arts |
| 110 Metaphysics. | 610 Medicine. |
| 120 Special Metaphysical Topics. | 620 Engineering. |
| 130 Mind and Body. | 630 Agriculture. |
| 140 Philosophical Systems. | 640 Domestic Economy. |
| 150 Mental Faculties. Psychology. | 650 Communication and Commerce. |
| 160 Logic. | 660 Chemical Technology. |
| 170 Ethics. | 670 Manufactures. |
| 180 Ancient Philosophers. | 680 Mechanic Trades. |
| 190 Modern Philosophers. | 690 Building. |
| 200 Religion | 700 Fine Arts |
| 210 Natural Theology. | 710 Landscape Gardening. |
| 220 Bible. | 720 Architecture. |
| 230 Doctrinal Theol. Dogmatics. | 730 Sculpture. |
| 240 Devotional and Practical. | 740 Drawing, Design, Decoration. |
| 250 Homiletic. Pastoral. Parochial. | 750 Painting. |
| 260 Church. Institutions. Work. | 760 Engraving. |
| 270 Religious History. | 770 Photography. |
| 280 Christian Churches and Sects. | 780 Music. |
| 290 Non-Christian Religions. | 790 Amusements. |
| 300 Sociology | 800 Literature |
| 310 Statistics. | 810 American. |
| 320 Political Science. | 820 English. |
| 330 Political Economy. | 830 German. |
| 340 Law. | 840 French. |
| 350 Administration. | 850 Italian. |
| 360 Associations and Institutions. | 860 Spanish. |
| 370 Education. | 870 Latin. |
| 380 Commerce and Communication. | 880 Greek. |
| 390 Customs. Costumes. Folk-lore. | 890 Minor Languages. |
| 400 Philology | 900 History |
| 410 Comparative. | 910 Geography and Description. |
| 420 English. | 920 Biography. |
| 430 German. | 930 Ancient History. |
| 440 French. | 940 { Europe. |
| 450 Italian. | 950 { Asia. |
| 460 Spanish. | 960 { Africa. |
| 470 Latin. | 970 { North America. |
| 480 Greek. | 980 { South America. |
| 490 Minor Languages. | 990 { Oceanica and Polar Regions. |

CATALOGING BOOKS.

A printed list or catalog of the library is one of the first things that will be asked for by the public. It is useful especially for those who cannot well visit the library. But it is very expensive; it is out of date as soon as issued; it cannot often be sold; it requires training and experience to make it properly, and the money it will cost can be better spent otherwise. Do not issue one. Print lists of additions in newspapers. Post them in the library. Issue an occasional bulletin of the latest purchases if you think it will be popular. Put your time, skill, energy, and money into the making of a full card catalog; keep this up to date; give the public access to it; teach them how to use it, and you will find the printed catalog not needed.

On cards prepared for the purpose, a card for each book—and a book is a book although in several volumes—write the author's surname (if the book is anonymous write first the title), given name or names, if known, title, date of copyright, date of publication, call-number, and such other data as seem desirable. The price, for example, may be put here, and the size, indicating this by a letter. Arrange these cards alphabetically, by authors' names for an author catalogue. This catalog will be in constant use in the purchasing of books, in classifying new purchases, etc. By the call-number one can refer from any entry in it to the entry of the same book in the shelf-list. To make possible a like reference to the accession

book, write the accession number of each book near the bottom of the card on which it is entered. In making the catalog entries observe certain fixed rules of alphabetization, capitalization, punctuation, arrangement, etc., as set forth in the catalog rules which may be adopted. Only by so doing can you secure uniformity of entry, neatness in work, and the greatest possible meaning from every note, however much abbreviated.

Preserve this catalog with great care. It is the key to the records in shelf-list and accession book. In a small library the public may very properly use it. As soon as possible, if your library is to be quite large and much used, prepare for public use a duplicate of it, omitting all those entries in the original which are of use only to the librarian.

The average reader more often remembers the titles of books than their authors. Add, therefore, to the author-list, in your public catalog—not in your private or official catalog, for which author-entries alone are sufficient—a title-list; a set of cards like the author cards, except that on each one the book's title is entered first instead of its author. Arrange author and title-lists in one alphabetical series.

CHARGING SYSTEM.

On the inside of the front cover of every book in the library paste a manila pocket. (See Library Bureau catalog.) Or paste, by the bottom and the upper corners, thus making a pocket of it, a sheet of plain, stout paper at the bottom of the first page of the first flyleaf. On this pocket, at the top, write the call-number of the book. Below this print information for borrowers, if this seems necessary. In this pocket place a book-card of heavy ledger paper or light cardboard. On this book-card, at the top, write the call-number of the book in the pocket of which it is placed.

To every borrower the library issues a borrower's card. This card is made of heavy, colored tag-board, and contains the borrower's name and address, and his number in the series of borrowers' numbers.

The librarian, before delivering a book to a borrower, takes from the pocket the book-card, writes on it the number found at the top of the borrower's card, and after it, with a dater, stamps the day of the month. At the same time he stamps the same date on the borrower's card, and on the pocket in the book or on a dating slip pasted in the book opposite the pocket.

The borrower's card he places in the book pocket, the book-card he retains as a record of the loan, and the borrower takes the book away. The book-card, with all others representing the books issued on the same day, he places in a tray behind a card bearing the date of the day of issue. All the book-cards representing books issued on a certain day are arranged in the order of their call-numbers.

Under this system the borrower can tell, by looking at his card, on what date the book he has was taken from the library. If he wishes to renew it without taking it back to the library, he can do so by a letter stating that he took on a certain day a book bearing a certain number, and wishes it renewed.

The librarian can tell, from the book-cards, what books are in circulation, and how many of each class were lent on a certain day.

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES.

The towns are classified according to their free library privileges as follows:

CLASS 1.

Towns which have libraries owned and controlled by the town and free for circulation to all the people. (All towns in this list excepting those marked † have organized their libraries with State Aid.)

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|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Addison, | Hartland, | †St. Albans, |
| Alburg, | Highgate, | §St. Albans (Town of), |
| Andover, | Hinesburg, | Sharon, |
| Athens, | Hyde Park, | Shelburne, |
| Barnard, | Isle La Motte, | Sheldon, |
| Barnet, | Jericho, | Shoreham, |
| Barton, | Johnson, | South Hero, |
| Benson, | Kirby, | Stamford, |
| Braintree, | Landgrove, | Stockbridge, |
| †Brattleboro, | Lincoln, | †Stowe, |
| Brighton, | Lunenburg, | †Strafford, |
| Bristol, | Lyndon, | Sunderland, |
| Cabot, | Marshfield, | Sutton, |
| Cambridge, | Middletown Springs, | Swanton, |
| Canaan, | Milton, | Townshend, |
| Castleton, | Montgomery, | Underhill, |
| †Cavendish, | New Haven, | Vershire, |
| †Chelsea, | Newport, | Victory, |
| †Chester, | Northfield, | Waitsfield, |
| Chittenden, | Orange, | Walden, |
| Concord, | Orwell, | Wardsboro, |
| Enosburg, | Pawlet, | Warren, |
| Essex, | Peru, | Washington, |
| †Fair Haven, | Pittsfield, | Waterford, |
| Fairlee, | Pomfret, | Waterville, |
| Fairfax, | Poultney, | Westfield, |
| Fairfield, | Putney, | Westford, |
| Fletcher, | Randolph, | West Haven, |
| Franklin, | Reading, | Westmore, |
| Georgia, | Readsboro, | Weston, |
| Grafton, | †Richford, | West Windsor, |
| Granby, | †Richmond, | Weybridge, |
| Granville, | Ripton, | Wheelock, |
| Greensboro, | Rochester, | Whitingham, |
| Groton, | †Rockingham, | Wilmington, |
| Guildhall, | Royalton, | Windham, |
| †Guilford, | Ryegate, | Woodbury,—113. |
| Hardwick, | Salisbury, | |

With state aid 101.

Without state aid 12.

§Has free use of public library in St. Albans (City,) and makes annual appropriation for its support.

CLASS 2.

Towns which have free libraries in which the town has some representation in the management.

| | | |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Bennington, | Burlington, | Springfield,—3. |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|

CLASS 3.

Towns in which there are free libraries to which the town appropriates money, but is not represented in the management.

| | | |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Bethel, | Pittsford, | West Rutland, |
| Maidstone, | Rutland, | Windsor,—10. |
| Morristown, | Wallingford, | |
| Newbury, | Weathersfield, | |

CLASS 4.

Towns in which there are free libraries which have no connection with the town.

| | | |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Bakersfield, | Danby, | St. Johnsbury, |
| Brandon, | Hartford, | Ludlow, |
| Charleston, | Montpelier, | Woodstock, |
| Charlotte, | Newfane, | Thetford,—14. |
| Craftsbury, | Peacham, | |

CLASS 5.

*Towns which have no free library. (Towns marked * contain libraries which are not free.)*

| | | |
|------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Albany, | Brookline, | *Dummerston, |
| *Arlington, | Brownington, | Duxbury, |
| Baltimore, | Brunswick, | East Haven, |
| *Barre. | *Burke, | *East Montpelier, |
| Barre (Town of), | *Calais, | Eden, |
| Belvidere, | Clarendon, | Elmore, |
| Berkshire, | Colchester, | Fayston, |
| Berlin, | *Corinth, | Ferrisburg, |
| Bloomfield, | *Cornwall, | Glastenbury, |
| Bolton, | *Coventry, | Glover, |
| *Bradford, | *Danville, | Goshen, |
| Bridgewater, | Derby, | *Grand Isle, |
| Bridport, | *Dorset, | Halifax, |
| *Brookfield, | Dover, | Hancock, |

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|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Holland, | North Hero, | Stratton, |
| Hubbardton, | Norton, | Sudbury, |
| Huntington, | *Norwich, | Tinmouth, |
| *Ira, | Panton, | Topsnam, |
| Irashburgh, | Plainfield, | Troy, |
| Jamaica, | *Plymouth, | Tunbridge, |
| Jay, | Pownal, | *Vergennes, |
| Leicester, | *Proctor, | Vernon, |
| Lemington, | Roxbury, | Waltham, |
| *Londonderry, | Rupert, | *Waterbury, |
| Lowell, | Rutland (Town of), | Wells, |
| *Manchester, | St. George, | West Fairlee, |
| Marlboro, | Sandgate, | Westminster, |
| Mendon, | Searsburg, | *Whiting. |
| *Middlebury, | *Shaftsbury, | *Williamstown, |
| Middlesex, | Sheffield, | Williston, |
| Monkton, | Sherburne, | Winhall, |
| Moretown, | Shrewsbury, | Wolcott, |
| Morgan, | Somerset, | Woodford, |
| Mt. Holly, | South Burlington, | Worcester,—106. |
| Mt. Tabor, | Stannard, | |
| *Newark, | Starksboro, | |

Towns without libraries, 79. Towns having libraries which are not free, 27.

CLASS 6.

Traveling Library Stations.

| | | |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Arlington, | Irashburg, | Starksboro, |
| Burke, | Jamaica, | South Woodstock, |
| Colchester, | Kirby, | South Ryegate, |
| Coventry, | Lincoln, | Stamford, |
| Danville, | Lyndonville, | Tinmouth, |
| Dummerston, | Lowell, | Vernon, |
| East Berkshire, | Milton, | Waterbury Center, |
| East Montpelier, | North Bridgewater, | Wells, |
| East Hardwick, | North Danville, | West Berlin, |
| Eden, | Pittsford, | Westminster, |
| Georgia, | Reading, | Williamstown, |
| Glover, | Rochester, | Winhall, |
| Greensboro Bend, | Stannard, | Worcester. |

HISTORIES OF LIBRARIES.

Arlington.—*Arlington Circulating Library.*—The Arlington circulating library was established in April, 1899, through the efforts of some ladies interested in library work. It has not been incorporated as a Free Public Library owned by the town but efforts are being made and



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they hope soon to have a regular library. They have over three hundred books which are augmented by the traveling libraries. The books are accessible every day in the week excepting Sunday.

Burlington.—*The Fletcher Free Library.* Burlington must be written down once more as favored in her public institutions. She came near being distanced in respect to her public library by several places in Vermont of much less note. Her large and rich collection of books has hitherto been housed in an old abandoned court house, where they were neither safe nor accessible, nor in reputable environment. Some years ago Mr. Carnegie visited Burlington and was greatly impressed by it, and an appeal from his hostess on that occasion, brought from him the prompt offer of \$50,000 for a library building, on condition that the city would annually appropriate \$5,000 for its maintenance. To this sum of \$50,000 the city has added \$20,000 and now has a library building which it can show to strangers without shame, and where its 35,000 volumes can be housed, and shelved, and handled with all modern facilities at command. The dedication took place on the evening of the 17th of August, in the presence of a large audience in which were many representatives of other libraries of the state. The principal address was made by Dr. James N. Canfield, librarian of Columbia University in New York City. The value of a public library in a community was brilliantly set forth, with arguments and illustrations, drawn from a large acquaintance with books, and an educational experience of wide range. A city which has a good library is a "miracle city" in which every day is wrought the wonder-working power of dead paper and dead type becoming a living force, creating thought, imagination and will, and vitalizing innumerable lives which otherwise were dull inert clods. The companionships which a library introduces into a community are among its richest treasures. Imagine Mr. Lowell coming to live in our community, walking our streets, living as our neighbor, sitting on our piazza, talking to our children. We should all get from his presence and influence some culture, some touch of refinement, some broadening of mental horizon. A library does actually bring among us Mr. Lowell and a hundred other great and potent and charming men to be our fellow citizens, our guides, philosophers and friends. A library is the promoter and guardian of a town democracy. In order to have and maintain what we call free institutions we must make every man not only an independent thinker, but a right thinker; for only in making the wisest thoughts of the wisest men the common possession of all men, can we have a sane social order and a sound political community.

The citizens of Burlington can now receive the congratulations of the many other towns and villages of Vermont, which have preceded them in having creditable public library buildings and can with good grace hope and pray that their good fortune may be shared by still others, and some liberal soul may be stirred to do for every town in Vermont, what, within a very few years, has been done for a large number of them.

Charlotte.—The Breezy Point Library Association was formed in 1899 by thirteen young women of Charlotte, who gave a play entitled Breezy Point to secure funds for starting a public library. In default of a hall, the play was given in the Methodist Episcopal church, no longer used

for church services. It was so successful a performance that it was repeated in an adjoining town. Other plays and socials have been given at different times, and the library which was favorably situated in the town clerk's office, has been well patronized. In May, 1903, we bought the old Methodist church in which we have always given our plays and in which we earned the money to start our library. In August we dedicated the building, now Library Hall, by repeating our first play, Breezy Point.

The three basement rooms were in a very dilapidated condition. Last fall we slated the roof and repaired these three rooms so that now we have a library room ceiled in hardwood, a large room for suppers and socials, and a kitchen. We also have a very pretty drop curtain, scenery and flies.

Last December we gave a reception for the townspeople in our new rooms, with a literary program including a history of the old building and a review of the work done by the thirteen ladies who formed the Library Association.

We paid for the building, as it was, \$600, and spent for repairs \$400. We paid cash for the building and repairs by borrowing \$200, and we spend something each month for new books. We have now 500 volumes.

We hope soon to be able to purchase a piano for the hall and furniture for our kitchen and social room. In April, 1904, we had a mock trial which netted us \$35. We have every reason to feel encouraged, and I hope this brief report may stimulate some other town to start a library. Our township of 1400 inhabitants covers a wide territory and the village which is the center of our activities is a very small community.

Danby.—*Danby Free Library.*—The Danby Free library was established about 1880. It is at present in a private dwelling but there are hopes of having a good suitable building soon, the library having received a gift for that purpose from the late Hon. S. L. Griffith. There are between seven and eight hundred books.

Lunenburg.—In the spring of 1903 the sum of \$2,000 was given the town by the will of Alden Balch, for a new library building. At a special town meeting \$500 additional was voted for the same purpose and the building was begun in September 1903. It was completed in August, 1904 and dedicated August 26th.

It is a beautiful little building, made after the design of the library at Norwich, but a foot and a half larger each way and a foot higher. The walls are finished in pulp plaster, and painted Nile green with a handsome border of soft colors. The woodwork is of white cypress; the floors of hardwood filled and varnished to match the casings.

The furniture of oak is the best library furniture; two tables, each five and one-half feet long, and twelve chairs for the reading room; a magazine rack; a newspaper rack; a handsome desk and chair for the bookroom where we have adjustable shelving; in all \$300 worth of furniture.

The building has a good cellar and is heated by a furnace. It stands on a sloping lawn surrounded by handsome maples.

Miss Ellen B. White, a student in the library school of Simmons College has prepared a card catalogue of the books which now number nearly 1100.



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Several kind friends are giving us a year's subscription to McClure's Magazine, Pearsons', Munsey and two or three other publications for the reading room. We need more things to make the rooms look prettier and more cosy such as rugs, settees and easy chairs. I hope in time we may have them, but as far as we have gone everything is of the best.

The following account of the dedication is from the Essex County Herald of September 2nd.

"The long talked of dedication of the Alden Balch Memorial Library occurred last Friday afternoon. The building was filled to its utmost capacity, many having to remain outside. The exercises commenced with music by the male quartette, followed with prayer by Rev. C. W. Kelley. Franklin Bell then gave a short talk on the pre-historic age of our library. Prof. S. W. Landon, who was expected, was unable to be present owing to illness. Franklin D. Hale next gave an informal talk on the influence of books in a community, and complimented the builders on the success of their work. Hon. Elden Hartshorn, formerly of this town, but now of Washington, D. C., gave a very interesting talk on libraries and their usefulness in any community, and expressed his pleasure at finding so beautiful a building in his native town. Mrs. Barber kindly sang a solo which all were glad to hear. Rev. Mr. Jennings spoke on town loyalty to the public library and said he hoped it had been built for use and not to be shut up. Rev. Mr. Kelley gave a short talk on the good work that a library ought to accomplish in a town. Then M. V. B. Vance in behalf of the builders presented the keys, arranged on a basket of beautiful pansies, and the four keys were attached to four ribbons, two of yellow and two of white, and the effect was very pretty. The exercises closed with America by the audience. Mr. Jennings in his remarks called the building "a gem on our beautiful hillside." The inside of the building was tastefully decorated in yellow and white, with phlox, golden glow and palms. A large picture of the giver of the building, Alden Balch, hangs in the reading room."

Moretown.—Moretown Library Association started May 1904. Two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) was raised by subscription for the purchase of books, and it is the intention to make the library free and apply for state aid next March.

Pawlet.—*Pawlet Public Library.*—On December 15, 1902, a small sum was donated to the object of a free library by the C. E. Society of the First Congregational church of Pawlet. At the town meeting March, 1903, it was voted to donate fifty dollars to the library committee elected at that meeting, after which aid was applied for from the state and one hundred dollars (\$100) worth of books were given. There are now about five hundred books in a building furnished free for the purpose, and the library is open from ten a. m. to five p. m. every day except Sunday. A regular librarian has been appointed and the outlook for the library is very hopeful.

Randolph.—At the annual March meeting in 1896 the town of Randolph elected five library trustees—N. J. Whitehill, Wm. H. DuBois, J. W. Fargo, John B. Goodrich and John F. Mead—and appropriated one hundred dollars for the maintenance of a public library. The State aid of one hundred dollars was thus made available. At the first meeting of the

trustees, May 1, 1896, N. J. Whitehill was chosen president, John F. Mead vice-president and Wm. H. DuBois secretary and treasurer. It was voted that the library should be called the Randolph Public Library and rooms were secured in Dubois & Gay's block. Miss Maud Blanchard was chosen librarian and she continued to serve in that capacity till the summer of 1903. In September, 1896, 135 volumes were received through State aid and on November 14 of that year the library was opened for the delivery of books. By the next March meeting the library had grown, by purchase and gifts from the King's Daughters, the Ladies' Book Club, and various individuals, to 573 volumes. During the next year the number increased to 787. In December 1898 the Ladies' Library Association, which had long supplied its members' demand for reading matter, unanimously voted to donate to the Public Library its 1500 volumes. This generous gift was accepted and all the books, numbering 2,544, were re-catalogued. During the next three years 528 new books were added.

Mrs. Sarah J. Crocker, who died November 29, 1899, left by will to the library as residuary legatee about \$3,500. At a meeting of the trustees held October 3, 1902, it was voted to use all of the Sarah Jane Crocker fund except \$2,000 for the purchase of new books. It was voted at the same time that the \$2,000 should be kept as an endowment fund. About 1,900 volumes were purchased at this time and the library now, January 1, 1904, contains 5,300 volumes. Three of the original trustees still remain on the board. Prof. Whitehill and Mr. Goodrich removed from town and their places were filled by Homer White and A. G. Osgood. The latter has since been succeeded by Foster G. Sprague. Miss Anne L. DuBois is librarian.

October 1, 1901, Col. Robert J. Kimball offered to give \$10,000 for the construction of a library building. The village of Randolph purchased a site on Main street, opposite the schoolhouse at a cost of \$3,000. At a special town meeting November 30, 1901, both the site and Colonel Kimball's offer were accepted and the trustees were instructed to construct the library building. Work was begun in the spring of 1902 and the building completed in time to be dedicated February 24, 1903.

The library building is sixty feet long on the street with a width of thirty-five feet. It is solidly built of red pressed brick, trimmed with brown Longmeadow, Mass., sandstone, and is surmounted by a copper-sheathed dome. The facade, which looks down School street, is ornamented about the entrance with carved stone and above the doors in bronze letters is the name of the building, "Kimball Public Library." The steps which lead up to the entrance are of marble with heavy blocks of the same stone on either side. The marble used on the outside and the marble and fine wood finish of the inside are all products of Vermont and cannot be excelled. As one enters the front doorway he finds himself in a vestibule wainscoted with verd antique marble. This passage opens into the wide delivery hall which passes through the center of the building. At the farther end of the hall is a large brick fireplace and mantel, above which hangs a fine, life-size portrait in oil, of Colonel Kimball. The wainscoting of the delivery hall is of clouded white marble with a base and rail of darker colored marble. To the right and left the hall opens through wide

passages, between handsome pillars with bronzed Ionic capitals, into large rooms—the reading room and a reference library room on the right, and the stack room and the reception room on the left. The walls of the hall above the wainscoting are painted a dark red and the ceiling is handsomely frescoed in lighter colors. The wainscoting, floors, doors, case-ments and frieze of the other rooms, are of red birch, beautifully grained and highly polished, while the walls are painted a dark green, except in the reception room where the walls are a yellowish brown. On the left of the vestibule, as you enter it, is an elegant lavatory, while on the right is the stairway leading to the basement, and over it the stairs to the third floor, where there is an abundance of room which may be utilized in the future. The furniture of heavy, antique finished oak and costing \$2,000 was also a gift from Colonel Kimball, who also paid for the architect's plans and oversight, besides making some costly additions to and improvements of the original design. Altogether the cost, to the donor, of the building furnished and complete, with stacks for the books, was over \$17,000.

Weathersfield.—Proctor Library is located in the village of Ascutneyville in the town of Weathersfield. The building was given to the town by Hon. B. F. Blood of Waltham, Mass., in memory of his mother, Roxalana (Proctor) Blood, an old resident.

The building is of brick with granite trimmings and is finished in oak. It is in the form of a maltese cross, the main room called the book-room running through the centre and including two opposite arms of the cross. At the rear is a very neat little reading room, and in front, a vestibule and entrance. The furniture which is of quartered oak is the gift of Mr. Blood in memory of two cousins, Mrs. Elvira (Preston) Murray and Miss Esther Proctor.

There are about 750 books in the library, a portion given to the town by an old library association, and a large share of the remainder purchased with funds given by the descendants of Rev. James Converse who for fifty years was pastor at Weathersfield Centre.

The books are catalogued and classified in a very up-to-date method and the Browne system of charging is employed. The building was very fittingly dedicated on June 2, 1903, and was opened to the public soon after.

Beside this library, Mr. Blood has also built libraries in the towns of Brownsville and Windsor.

Windsor.—Windsor's new library building was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 24. The exercises were held in the town hall, which was handsomely decorated, and were enjoyed by a large audience. The exercises, presided over by Marsh O. Perkins, opened with music by the band and an invocation by Rev. P. J. Robinson, pastor of All Soul's church. The presentation speech was read by Gilbert A. Davis for Mr. Benjamin F. Blood, the donor of the building, now in his 82nd year. A happy response was made by Sherman Evarts, a son of the late Senator William M. Evarts. An eloquent address was given by Isaiah R. Clark, the son of the late Dr. Ripley Clark of Windsor, and a well known Boston attorney. Congratulatory words were also spoken by Rev. E. H. Roberts, pastor of the Methodist church in Brownsville. The exercises

closed with the singing of America by the audience, led by the quartet, and the pronouncing of the benediction by Mr. Roberts. Then followed a pleasant reception to Mr. Blood in the library building, during which the band gave an open air concert on the common.

The building is one story high, and is 60 feet by 28, with an annex, 26 feet by 16, in the rear for the librarian's room. It is covered with the finest Maine slate, and has a commodious basement, well lighted and conveniently arranged for storage, furnace and toilet purposes. The solid foundations are of Ascutney granite, the walls of red brick, and the base, cornices and all exterior trimmings of Fitchburg granite. The porch in front is made of the same granite, and has "WINDSOR LIBRARY" carved in the stone of the straight arch above the steps, the approach to which is a handsome cement walk. On the left of the vestibuled entrance, with its tiled floor, is a bronze cast of Mr. Blood, and a tablet bearing the date and place of his birth together with the inscription:

"This building was erected by Benjamin F. Blood, of Waltham, Mass., A. D. 1903 and by him presented to be forever used as a public library. A former citizen of Windsor, by industry and ability he accumulated a fortune, and this he dedicated to the best interests of the descendants of his early associates and provided for them church, school, and library advantages."

The library room occupies the entire floor of the main building, and is 21 feet in height in the clear. The floor is of red birch. The ceiling is finished in white cypress, all other interior finish of the building being of white, quartered oak. The room has a large, open fire-place at each end, with plate glass mirrors above the mantels, and is lighted by gas and electricity. The book stacks extend into the room from the front and rear walls, and are easily accessible. The librarian's desk is in the centre and opposite the front entrance, while behind it are doors opening into the librarian's room and a hallway leading to the rear entrance and basement. In front of each fire-place is a long, oak reading table, which with up-to-date furniture goes to make up a thoroughly equipped and well appointed library. Brite & Bacon of New York were the architects of the building, which cost a little over \$16,000. The builders were Wiley & Foss of Fitchburg, Mass., and the building committee, Messrs. Stanley R. Bryant, Horace P. McClary and Charles H. Fitch.

Mr. Benjamin F. Blood, who thus gives the building to the people of Windsor, was born in West Windsor, November 18, 1822, one of seven children born to Nathaniel and Roxana Proctor Blood. His advantages for schooling in early life were limited, but he has since acquired a liberal education by reading, travel and observation. A farmer by profession, he was superintendent of the Evarts' farm in Windsor from 1857 to 1871. Since then he has made his home in Waltham, Mass. He has been twice married, and by his first wife, Lavinia Gates of Windsor, had four sons and a daughter, all of whom with their mother have passed hence. His second wife was Mrs. Laura Hubbard Kendall of Windsor, who died in Waltham in 1895. A few years since, Mr. Blood gave a library building to West Windsor in memory of his daughter, and a little later he presented to the people of Weathersfield the Proctor Memorial library at Ascutneyville in memory of his mother. His latest public benefaction will be an honored, lasting memorial of his own life and munificence.



KIMBALL PUBLIC LIBRARY—RANDOLPH.
DELIVERY HALL. STACK ROOM ON THE LEFT.

LAWS OF THE STATE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

SEC. 875. The governor shall appoint five persons, resident of the state, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof. One member of said board shall be appointed for the term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and thereafter the term of office of the commissioners shall be five years. All vacancies on said board, whether occurring by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled by the governor.

SEC. 876. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection of books, the cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library; and the board shall give such advice in regard to said matters as it shall find practicable. The board shall make a report of its doings biennially to the general assembly.

SEC. 877. Said board shall expend, upon the application of the board of library trustees of any town having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for any such town entitled to the benefits of this section; such books shall be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and said commissioners shall select and purchase all books so provided.

SEC. 878. Any town which has voted to instruct its library trustees to make an application to the state board of library commissioners under the preceding section shall annually appropriate for the maintenance of its free public library a sum not less than fifty dollars, if its grand list is ten thousand dollars or upward, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars, if its grand list is less than ten thousand dollars and not less than twenty-five hundred dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars, if its grand list is less than twenty-five hundred dollars. The selectmen of such town shall annually, in the month of September draw an order on the treasurer of the town, payable to the trustees of the library, for the amount of such appropriation without any vote of the town authorizing them to do so and without any vote of the town voting to raise such sum.

SEC. 879. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of the two preceding sections until such town has elected a board of library trustees and voted to instruct such board to make an application to the state board of library commissioners, and until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the state board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this chapter. The provisions of sections eight hundred and eighty-nine, eight hundred and ninety and eight hundred and ninety-one, [§§ 889, 890 and 891] shall apply to the election of boards of library trustees under this section and to said trustees when so elected.

SEC. 880. Whenever any town shall have accepted the conditions prescribed by the preceding sections of this chapter, the state board of library commissioners shall so certify to the state auditor and he shall draw an order upon the treasurer, payable to said commissioners, for one hundred dollars to be expended in the purchase of books as provided in this chapter.

SEC. 881. No member of the state board of library commissioners, unless he be its secretary, shall receive any compensation, but the board may expend not exceeding eight hundred dollars annually for necessary expenses in the discharge of its duties, including all expenses for the transportation of books, not more than five hundred dollars of which sum may be used for the employment and expenses of a secretary whom they shall select and who may be of their own number; and all sums lawfully expended by said board under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid from the state treasury.

SEC. 882. The state board of library commissioners shall have the power to make such rules for their own government, and for the care of the libraries which may be furnished by the state, as they may deem expedient, and not inconsistent with the laws of this state.

INCORPORATION OF LIBRARIES.

SEC. 883. Whenever property, real or personal, has heretofore been or shall hereafter be devised or bequeathed by last will and testament, or granted, conveyed or donated by deed or other instrument, to trustees to be applied by them to the foundation and establishment in any of the cities, villages and towns of this state of a free public library, it shall be lawful, when not otherwise

provided in said will or other instrument of gift, for the acting trustees in any such case, in order to promote the better establishment, maintenance and management of such library, to cause to be formed a corporation under the provisions of the three following sections, with the rights, powers and privileges hereinafter provided.

SEC. 884. Such acting trustees may make, sign and acknowledge before any officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds in this state, and file in the office of the secretary of state, a statement in writing, in which shall be set forth the intent of such trustees to form a corporation under this chapter, a copy of the will or other instrument by which endowment of said library has been provided; the name adopted for the proposed corporation (which shall not be the name of any other corporation already existing); the city, village or town in which the library, and the principal place of business of the corporation will be located; the number of managers who may be denominated trustees, managers or directors of the corporation; and the names of the trustees, managers or directors who are to constitute the original board of such officers, and who shall hold until their successors respectively are elected and qualified, as in this chapter provided.

SEC. 885. Upon the filing in his office of such statement as aforesaid the secretary of state shall issue to the incorporators, under his hand and the seal of state, a certificate, of which the aforesaid statement shall be a part, declaring that the organization of the corporation is perfected. The incorporators shall thereupon cause such certificate to be recorded in a proper record book for the purpose, in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the said library is to be located; and thereupon the corporation shall be deemed fully organized and may proceed to carry out its corporate purposes, and may receive by conveyance, from the trustees under said will, deed or other instrument of donation, the property provided by will or otherwise as aforesaid for the endowment of said library and may hold the same in whatever form it may have been received or conveyed by said trustees until such form shall be changed by the action of the said corporation.

SEC. 886. Organizations formed under the two preceding sections shall be bodies corporate and politic, to be known under the names stated in the respective certificates or articles of incorporation; and by such corporate names they shall have and possess the ordinary rights and incidents of corporations, and shall be

capable of taking, holding and disposing of real and personal estate for all purposes of their organization. The provisions of any will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is given to said library and accepted by said trustees, managers or directors shall, as to such endowment, be a part of the organic and fundamental law of such corporation.

The trustees, managers or directors of any such corporation shall compose its members, and shall not be less than five nor more than nine in number; shall elect the officers of the corporation from their number; and shall have control and management of its affairs and property; may accept donations, and in their discretion hold the same in the form in which they are given, for all purposes of science, literature and art germane to the object and purpose of said corporation. They may fill by election, subject to the approval of the chief justice for the time being, of the supreme court of Vermont, vacancies, occurring in their own number by death, incapacity, retirement or otherwise, and may make lawful by-laws for the management of the corporation and of the library, which by-laws shall set forth what officers there shall be of the corporation, and shall define and prescribe their respective duties. They may appoint and employ from time to time such agents and employes as they may deem necessary for the efficient administration and conduct of the library and other affairs of the corporation. Whenever any trustee, manager or director shall be elected to fill any vacancy, a certificate under the seal of the corporation, giving the name of the person elected, shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk where the articles of incorporation are recorded.

Whenever, by the provisions of such will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is created, the institution endowed is declared to be and is free and public, the library and other property of such corporation shall be forever exempt from taxation.

The trustees, managers or directors of such corporation shall, in the month of January in each year, cause to be made a report to the governor of the state, for the year ending on the 31st day of December, preceding, of the condition of the library and of the funds and other property of the corporation showing the assets and investments of such corporation in detail.

TOWN LIBRARIES.

SEC. 887. Towns and cities may establish and maintain public libraries therein, with or without branches, for the use of the

inhabitants thereof. Any town or city may annually contract with any library or library association incorporated under the general law or by special charter to furnish books to its inhabitants free, and may appropriate money therefor; and any town or city may annually appropriate money for the maintenance, care, increase and support of any library held in trust for said town or city or the inhabitants thereof.

SEC. 888. Towns, cities and incorporated villages may appropriate for suitable buildings or rooms, and for the foundation of such library, a sum not exceeding three dollars for each of the ratable polls in such town, city, or incorporated village in the preceding year; and may also appropriate annually for the maintenance, care and increase thereof, such sum of money as said town, city, or incorporated village may vote at its annual meeting; and may receive, hold and manage any devise, bequest or gift for a public library.

SEC. 889. A town which has established, or shall hereafter establish a public library, may elect at its annual meeting a board of five trustees, who shall have full power to manage such public library, and to receive, control and manage any property which shall come into the hands of said town by gift, purchase, or bequest, for the use and benefit of such library.

SEC. 890. At the meeting when these trustees are first chosen, they shall be elected for the following terms: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, or until their respective successors are chosen. Their successors shall be elected for the term of five years, but a person chosen to fill a vacancy caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall serve only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SEC. 891. The trustees shall make a report to the annual town meeting of the condition of the library and of the management and expenditures of such moneys as have come into their hands.

SEC. 892. Moneys raised for a library shall be paid out by an agent to be appointed by the selectmen, except in towns electing library trustees.

SEC. 893. Any two library associations in the same town, formed under the general law or by a special act, may, by a majority vote of the stock of each of said associations at meetings thereof warned for that purpose, unite with each other and assume the corporate name of either of said associations.

LIBRARIES ENTITLED TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.

SEC. 894. When a town has established a public library, said town may at any annual meeting vote to place in such library a copy of such documents and volumes heretofore received by said town for it or its town clerk's office, as it shall designate, and also a copy of such documents and volumes hereafter to be received from the state, except the Vermont reports and other books and documents provided by law to be kept in the town clerk's office, as it shall designate; the ownership of such books to continue in the town but their use to be enjoyed by the library till said town shall otherwise vote.

SEC. 895. The state librarian is directed to deliver to any town public library that shall have been voted by its town the use of books owned as above by the town, such duplicate documents and volumes published or provided by the state, as can in the judgment of the trustees of the state library be delivered without prejudice to the state library. Said books to be delivered on application stating what books have already been received from the town, and the property in said books to remain in the state but their use to be in the public library to which they shall be delivered until the state librarian shall be directed by law to demand their return to the state library.

SEC. 896. When a public library exists in a town and is not established by it, said town may at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote make the provisions named in the second preceding section in respect to use by the library of books therein named owned by the town; and in case of such vote the provisions of the preceding section shall apply to such library the same as if it were established and maintained by the town.

SEC. 897. The clerk of each town, village and city in this state shall each year supply any library in the town or city in which he lives with two copies of the annual reports (if printed) of his town, village or city; and shall also send to the state library for its use two copies of the same. Said copies shall be so delivered by the clerk within two weeks after receipt of such printed reports by him. And officers making such printed reports are hereby directed to supply the town, village or city clerk with the four copies necessary for him to comply with the provisions of this section.

Chapter 142.

CITIES AND VILLAGES.

SEC. 3138. Villages shall have the same power as towns, to establish and maintain public libraries for the use of the inhabitants therein.

Chapter 228.

COUNTY JAILS.

SEC. 5301. Jailers shall receive books given by christian churches and benevolent individuals in their respective counties, for a library for persons confined in jail. The jailers shall enter the names of the donors in a book of record, with the titles of the books, which shall be opened to the inspection of all persons. The jailer shall be librarian and shall keep safely the books in the library and distribute them to persons confined in jail, and exchange the same from time to time. But he shall not deliver books to a person who in his opinion will destroy or misuse them.

ACTS OF 1898.

NO. 13.—AN ACT IN ADDITION TO SUBDIVISION VII OF SECTION 362, VERMONT STATUTES, EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION PROPERTY USED FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CIRCULATING LIBRARIES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

SECTION 1. Subdivision VII of section 362, Vermont Statutes, is amended so as to read as follows:

VII. Real and personal estate granted, sequestered, or used for public, pious or charitable uses; real and personal estate used for the purposes of a public or private circulating library open to the public and not used for profit; lands leased by towns for educational purposes, and lands owned or leased by colleges, academies, or other public schools, or leased for the support of the gospel; but private buildings on such lands, and farms owned or used by towns in the support of the poor, shall be set in the list to the owners thereof, and shall not be exempt.

Approved November 22, 1898.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES, ACTS OF 1900.

NO. 32.—AN ACT IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 48 OF THE VERMONT STATUTES, PROVIDING FOR TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. The board of library commissioners may expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars annually in the purchase of books for traveling libraries and in their necessary equipment, and may also expend a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars annually for clerical labor in cataloguing and preparing these books for circulation and for other necessary work in connection therewith. All sums lawfully expended under this act shall be certified by the president of said board of commissioners to the State Auditor, who shall draw orders on the State Treasurer for the payment of the same.

SEC. 2. Said Board of Library Commissioners shall have the full management and control of said libraries at all times, and shall make such rules and regulations for the use and government of the same as they may deem necessary.

SEC. 3. Any three or more citizens may organize a library association, and on compliance with the rules, regulations and requirements of the Commissioners shall, in the discretion of the Commissioners, be entitled to the use of traveling libraries, without charge further than all expenses of transportation of said libraries. Any local library, literary or other club, agricultural or other society, grange, college, seminary, university extension center, study circle or other association, on the same terms and in the discretion of the Commissioners, shall have the use of said traveling libraries.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved November 22, 1900.

NO. 44.—AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2982 OF THE VERMONT STATUTES RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY OF WOMEN TO HOLD OFFICE.

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. Section 2982 of the Vermont Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2982. Women twenty-one years of age may be elected or appointed to the office of town clerk, superintendent of schools, or trustee of public libraries, if they have resided in such town one year next preceding such election or appointment.

Approved November 21, 1900.

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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

The Board of Library Commissioners herewith submits its sixth Biennial Report for the term ending June 30, 1906.

The act creating the Commission was passed by the Legislature of 1894. Since that date several acts have been passed amending the law of the State. The laws as they now stand relating to the establishment of Free Public Libraries and the system of Traveling Libraries are printed elsewhere in this report.

The work of the Library Commission during the past two years has, it is believed, proven helpful in stimulating interest in the establishment of free libraries and in a large measure the Commission has increased its usefulness and has broadened the sphere of its activities wherever an opportunity has been presented.

The towns of Cornwall, Moretown, Sheffield, Vernon, Waterbury, West Fairlee and Williston have opened Free Public Libraries and have been furnished in each instance with \$100 worth of books, purchased by the Commission with the appropriation made for that purpose. The town of Burke has also voted to maintain a library, and will receive State aid as soon as the preliminary arrangements can be made.

There are still many towns in the State that could to advantage establish free libraries, and it is gratifying to note that public sentiment in several of these communities, where at present there are no library facilities, is being aroused to the educational value of maintaining such an institution.

At no time since the enactment of the law providing for the maintenance of a traveling library system has the demand for traveling libraries been as general as during the past two years. For a detailed account and report on this phase of the work your attention is directed to the special report appearing herewith.

The board now has a permanent office at the State House in Montpelier from which headquarters the work of the commission is directed. The securing of a permanent location for the office of the board is most beneficial and will permit of a more systematic and effective administration of the work.

Owing to the resignation in October, 1904, of Mr. S. W. Landon, who from the time the board was constituted in 1895 had acted as chairman, and had brought to the work a service of the highest order, the Governor appointed Mr. Hale K. Darling of Chelsea a member of the commission. In November, 1904, Mr. Clarke C. Fitts, who had been chairman of the commission since the resignation of Mr. Landon, resigned, and Mr. Edward M. Goddard of Montpelier was appointed in his place as a member of the commission, and the Governor designated Mr. Darling as chairman, in which capacity he served until his resignation from the commission in September, 1905, when Mr. Wm. H. DuBois of Randolph was appointed to succeed him, and the Governor designated Mr. Goddard to act as chairman.

The publication of a quarterly bulletin was begun in 1905 and four numbers have been issued. The object of the Bulletin is to furnish information bearing upon library work in the State and to supply a medium of communication between the librarians of the State and the commission. It has been found that the Bulletin is welcomed by those who receive it and it is the intention of the commission to continue its publication during the coming term. Any person in the State interested in library work can secure copies of the Bulletin and Report by making application to the secretary of the commission.

To assist librarians in making their selection of books it has been deemed best to supply each public library in the State with a copy of the A. L. A. Book-List, which is issued eight times a year by the publishing board of the American Library Association. This list takes the place of the annual lists that were formerly issued by the commission and is far better in every way and has met with general approval by the librarians who have received it.

The commission has also subscribed to about forty copies of the publication known as "Public Libraries," and has sent the same free of charge to such libraries in the State as particularly needed the assistance of such a journal. It is hoped that in the future the number of libraries receiving this publication may be materially increased.

To help public libraries to build up reference collections of magazines the commission has established a clearing house for periodicals. Librarians are urged to make a collection of magazines in their towns and to send duplicates of any magazines they do not



need to the commission, which in turn sends to the libraries volumes or single numbers needed to complete sets. The commission pays transportation on all material received, and the libraries are expected to pay transportation on all magazines sent them. Through this agency many volumes of valuable magazines have been added to the libraries of the State at a very small expense.

During the past two years several towns in the State have been presented with library buildings, making it possible in many of the communities so favored to materially increase the service given by the library, and the commission is pleased to note that at no period since its organization have so many buildings been erected for library purposes.

At Derby, Col. and Mrs. Haskell have presented to the town a handsome building well suited for its purpose. Fair Haven has received and accepted the gift of a library building from Mr. Carnegie. Northfield has recently dedicated a building, the gift of Mr. George Brown. Norwich University has received from Mr. Carnegie a gift of \$50,000 for the erection of a building which is nearly ready for occupancy. Lyndonville, through the beneficence of a resident of that town, Mr. Eber Cobleigh, has received the gift of a most acceptable building. South Pomfret, one of the first towns in the State to take advantage of the library law and which has built up a good town library, has been presented by a former resident of the place, Judge Ira Abbott of New Mexico, with a most attractive building for library purposes. Shoreham has had presented to it by Mrs. Mary Mixer Platt a splendid library building in memory of her husband, Dr. William N. Platt. Mr. Lyman Pettee, formerly a resident of Wilmington, has given to that town a very attractive building to be used for the public library, which was instituted with State aid in 1895. White River Junction, through Mr. Amos Barnes of Boston, has recently received a fund for the construction of a library building in that place.

It is with much satisfaction that we record the above gifts for library purposes, and trust that the spirit that has prompted these various gifts may in the future be the means of providing for many other town libraries that are still in need of suitable buildings in which to carry on library work.

Your attention is directed to the tabulated report of gifts to libraries during the past two years. This list shows that there is a live interest in public library work in the State. Many of the gifts

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have enabled struggling libraries to extend and continue their work. The use of libraries by the scholars of our public schools is increasing, and as library facilities expand this use will certainly become more general. No branch of library activity is of more importance than its relation to the educational work of the State, and we hope to extend the use of the traveling libraries in schools, for which purpose several collections have been made and can be secured for school use by application to the secretary of the commission.

The commission desires to publicly acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a gift of \$45.00 from the Bennington Fortnightly Club for the purpose of purchasing books for a traveling library. The library has been selected and is ready for use. In addition to the above gift acknowledgement is also made of the receipt of \$10.00 from the Woman's Club of Brattleboro for the specific purpose of furthering library interests in the county of Windham. This money has been expended by the commission for subscriptions to copies of "Public Libraries," which have been sent to the librarians of libraries in Windham county.

The commission has also received and distributed on application several sets of encyclopædias and magazines. Gifts of this nature are extremely welcome and are a source of much satisfaction to the libraries obtaining the same.

The success which has attended the work of the commission is a matter of congratulation so far as the educational interests of the State are concerned, and it is hoped that its future enlargement and maintenance may in no way be impaired. There is a constantly increasing demand for the facilities offered by our public libraries, and it is our earnest hope that the day is not far distant when this commission will be able to report that every town in the State has been reached. It is our conviction that when the taxpayers of the towns now destitute of library privileges come to understand the great importance of the public library as a means of culture and education, they will arise to the occasion and assist in establishing in their midst that great aid to good citizenship which should ever be considered the chief glory of an enlightened republic.

EDWARD M. GODDARD,
Chairman.

REPORT OF TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

One of the products of the twentieth century in Vermont is the traveling library system. We have nearly completed six years of the work which came into the hands of the Free Public Library Commission from the Federation of Women's Clubs in the year 1900. It has passed the experimental stage and is now established as a permanent and potent factor in the educational work of the State.

We began with libraries of thirty volumes each. They gradually grew in size to fifty volumes. Of late, we are putting about forty volumes into each case, as that number seems to satisfy more communities than either the smaller or larger list.

At first, we had only general libraries. That is, libraries containing about one-third adult fiction; one-third children's books; and one-third books on miscellaneous subjects including one or two volumes of poetry, nature books, biography, essays, cook books, travel and whatever else was available which would be popular.

We tried introducing into some libraries groups of books on some one subject, so as to encourage consecutive reading on some themes. This has not been especially successful. We think it needs to be followed up by visits to the stations to arouse an interest in the librarians at least.

Every year, however, there come demands for groups of books on special subjects which we usually are able to supply. If the group includes ten or more volumes, we make a special library of them; if less, they are added to the general reserve library. In the past two years, we have purchased libraries on Japan, Scotland, Renaissance Period, one special high school library and added to the New York, Washington, and India collections. We are gathering together as our means permit an art library, which shall include standard works on architecture, sculpture and painting. This collection will not be made up into a separate library, but volumes will be loaned from it to meet special needs.

We have catalogs of our libraries printed with brief annotations to be distributed throughout the community. These are designed to arouse interest and aid in making at home a selection of books desired.

Our school libraries have not been sought as we expected they

would be. We attribute this in part, at least, to the fact that we decided to make the experiment of including little or no fiction in these libraries. They are designed to be placed in the schoolroom and used there or loaned to pupils or their parents for home use. These libraries are not hard and fast in their make-up. They can be changed to meet the needs of any community. We are quite willing to include some fiction if the teachers so desire, and we hope this branch of the work may grow as it deserves to do.

We have prepared a book-mark a fac-simile of which will be found on the following page. These are placed in every volume that goes out and we trust may remind some of the proper attitude toward their friends, the books. In justice to the children, let me say they are not the principal transgressors.

Perhaps a word as to the sort of reading most popular in a traveling library may be of interest. As is to be expected, fiction and books for children are far in the lead. Oftentimes, fiction intended for the older youth, will much exceed anything else in the library in circulation, not because this class of readers is largely in excess of any other but because old and young like the children's books. Volumes of short stories are not so popular as one long story. Dialect stories and the psychological novel receive but little attention. Few care for poetry. Biography always finds a few readers, while such biography as *Up from Slavery* or *Making of an American* rivals fiction in circulation.

One might expect in a rural state like Vermont, that popular volumes relating to agriculture in some of its many forms would be in demand. We have numerous excellent and attractive books of this kind, but they are seldom taken out of the library. Either the farmers "know it all" or what is more likely, they desire a change of subject. In many cases, it is probable they never know the books are available. Books which might be called in a sense books of reference like cook books, books on entertainments, basket making, studies of the trees in winter, in general nature books for adults find few borrowers. Books classed in sociology are much read. The Riis books are always in demand and Wyckoff and Flynt go frequently to the bindery. Travel and adventure find ready readers, especially books on the Philippines, Hawaii, Japan and Russia. While in some localities the later fiction is called for, there are still places which prefer the *Virginians*, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, *Little Women* and *Robinson Crusoe*. One station distinguished



THE BOOK'S APPEAL TO The READER

"Please don't handle me with dirty hands.

Or leave me out in the rain.

Or make marks on me with your pen or pencil.

Or lean on me with your elbows when reading me.

Or open me and lay me face-down on the table.

Or let me fall on the floor.

Or put in between my leaves a pencil or matches or anything thicker than a single sheet of thin paper.



I AM YOUR BOOK MARK

The Free Public Library Commission of Vermont sends me to keep your place for you.



"The reader who keeps a new book clean and whole adds to the sum of human happiness and shows a wholesome respect for the rights and pleasures of others."

itself by reading more of the miscellaneous classed books than either fiction or juveniles. As a rule, the most remote and backwoods settlements read the best books; it is the larger villages that want the light fiction. Art and literature find but few votaries except in study clubs, though one farmer reported that he had enjoyed Thoreau's *Walden* more than any other book he had ever read. Books on animals are always read while books on plants often are not. Books, even fiction, with tragedy or having a sad ending, are shunned and condemned. "Funny Books" are greatly appreciated. We desire to put into the libraries the very best books which will find a reading. We find the cover and general make-up of the book go quite as far in governing its circulation as the text itself. Large print and good pictures always catch a reader. The children enquire for some book with "big reading," as they call the large print common to many of their books, and the adults, too, like the open page. Books with covers resembling a school book are severely let alone by the children.

Almost without exception people appreciate the privileges of the traveling library. Words of interest, thanks, sympathy and praise are very often expressed. It sometimes seems that there is more interest in the traveling libraries than in the small town libraries. Losses of books are comparatively rare and when they occur are cheerfully paid for.

The librarian of the traveling library makes or mars the success of a library. One station under an efficient librarian had a circulation of over 700 and the best books were read and well cared for. Others fail to get the right books to the right person; the books have a small circulation and often suffer from lack of care.

Money for the purchase of one library was given the commission by the Woman's Club of Bennington in token of appreciation of the good work done in their town by the libraries sent by the commission.

STATISTICS.

Number of Stations, 44.

Number of Stations added the past two years, 35.

Number of Stations dropped the past two years, 15.

Number of Libraries in Sunday Schools, 6.

Circulation of fiction, 6,553.

Circulation of children's books, 5,791.

Circulation of non-fiction, 2,386. Total, 14,730.

Number of general libraries, 43.

Number of school libraries, 6.

Number of special libraries, 8.

SUSAN H. SMITH, for Commission.

APPLICATION FOR TRAVELING LIBRARY.

To the Board of Library Commissioners for the State of Vermont :

We, the undersigned, citizens of.....

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hereby apply for the loan of a traveling library, as provided by No.
32, Acts 1900.

We name....., whom
we know to be a responsible person, to act for us as secretary, and
to have in charge said library and the correspondence relating
thereto.

We hereby agree to return said traveling library within six
months from its reception, to pay all transportation charges to
and from....., and to make good any losses or
injuries beyond reasonable wear, however accruing, while said
library is in our custody.

.....this.....day
of.....A. D. 190.....

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TRAVELING LIBRARY NO. 30.

CATALOG.

- 1 **Abbott, Jacob.** Beechnut; Rodolphus.
Two stories, one about a well trained boy, the other about a boy badly trained.
- 2 **Adams, Andy.** The outlet.
"Graphic account of the great cattle drive of 1884 from Texas to the north-west."
- 3 **Brochner, Jessie.** Danish life in town and country.
A well illustrated and popular account.
- 4 **Brown, Alice.** Paradise.
A New England story with both mirth and pathos.
- 5 **Burnett, Mrs. Frances Hodgson.** Little princess.
A new and enlarged edition of Sara Crewe.
- 6 **Burroughs, John, ed.** Songs of nature.
Selections of short poems.
- 7 **Collingwood, William Gershom.** Life of John Ruskin.
A new and popular edition.
- 8 **Couch, Arthur Thomas Quiller.** Shining Ferry.
An absorbing tale of life in Cornwall, England.
- 9 **Craik, Mrs Dinah Maria (Mulock).** Brave lady.
The trials of the wife of an English curate.
- 10 **Curtis, William Eleroy.** Modern India.
Of absorbing interest, by an American traveler.
- 11 **Davis, Anna Chase.** Stories of the United States for youngest readers
From the Indian period to Lincoln.
- 12 **Dickens, Charles.** Bleak House.
A tale of London, of an unending law suit, and a beautiful lady with a mysterious past.
- 13 **Ellis, Elizabeth.** Barbara Winslow, rebel.
A novel of adventure and romance. Time, Monmouth Rebellion in England.
- 14 **Grover, Eulalie Osgood.** Sunbonnet babies' book.
For the youngest readers.
- 15 **Harris, Joel Chandler.** Tar baby and other rhymes.
Uncle Remus tells more funny tales of Brer Rabbit and his companions.
- 16 **Henderson, Charles Hanford.** Education and the larger life.
"The inquiry as to how education can be so applied in America as to best further the progress of civilization."
- 17 **Ingersoll, Ernest.** An island in the air.
"A story of singular adventures in the Mesa country."
- 18 **Knight, William Allen.** St. Abigail of the pines.
An old fisherman's story of his early youth.
- 19 **Lane, Charles Henry.** All about dogs.
"A book for doggy people, with many illustrations."
- 20 **Lane, Elinor Macartney.** Nancy Stair.
A spirited poetess of Scotland and her change of heart.
- 21 **LeGallienne, Richard.** Old love stories retold.
Dante and Beatrice, Aucassin and Nicolette, Shelley and Mary Godwin, Heine and Mathilde, Abelard and Heloise, Keats and Fanny Brawne, and others.
- 22 **London, Jack.** People of the abyss.
The experience of the author in the slums of London.



TRAVELING LIBRARY—EXTERIOR VIEW.



TRAVELING LIBRARY—INTERIOR VIEW.

- 23 **McCall, Sidney, *pseud.*** *Breath of the gods.*
The love stories of the daughter of a U. S. senator, later minister to Japan, and her Japanese school friend. Specially interesting as a picture of Japanese home life.
- 24 **Mason, Mrs. Caroline (Atwater.)** *Waxwing.*
Showing how one young woman became interested in missions.
- 25 **Moore, Mrs. N. Hudson.** *Old furniture book.*
"A sketch of past days and ways."
- 26 **Mother Goose's** *nursery rhymes.*
"Illustrated for children up to the age of eighty."
- 27 **Musset, Paul de.** *Mr. Wind and Madam Rain.*
A fairy tale from the peasants of Brittany.
- 28 **Our holidays, their meaning and spirit.**
Stories for youth retold from St. Nicholas.
- 29 **Peck, Theodora.** *Hester of the Grants.*
A romance of Bennington, Vt., in the days of Ethan Allen.
- 30 **Peterson, Maud Gridley.** *How to know wild fruits.*
"A guide to plants when not in flower by means of fruit and leaf."
- 31 **Pier, Arthur Stanwood.** *Boys of St. Timothy's.*
Stories of boys at a famous boarding school.
- 32 **Private life of the Queen.**
A family portrait by a member of the royal household.
- 33 **Pryor, Mrs. Sara Agnes (Rice).** *Mother of Washington and her times.*
A biography as entertaining as fiction.
- 34 **Rice, Mrs. Alice Caldwell (Hegan).** *Sandy.*
The Americanizing of an Irish immigrant boy.
- 35 **Richards, Mrs. Laura Elizabeth (Howe).** *Mrs. Tree.*
The amusing doings of an eccentric old woman.
- 36 **Richards, Mrs. Laura Elizabeth (Howe.)** *Mrs. Tree's will.*
A sequel to Mrs. Tree.
- 37 **Riggs, Mrs. Kate Douglas (Wiggin.)** *Rose o' the river.*
The pretty love story of a log-driver on the Saco river.
- 38 **Roberts, Charles George Douglas.** *Red Fox.*
"The story of his adventurous career and of his final triumph over his enemies."
- 39 **Ruskin, John.** *Little masterpieces.*
Selections from the author's best works. See his life above.
- 40 **Smith, Mrs. Mary Prudence (Wells.)** *Boy captive of old Deerfield.*
Some experiences of a ten year old boy captured by the Indians in 1704.
- 41 **Thomas, Mrs. Theodore.** *Our mountain garden.*
A charming record of what was accomplished with weeds, wild flowers, shrubs and vines.
- 42 **Wharton, Mrs. Edith.** *House of mirth.*
A novel of New York society life.
- 43 **Wheeler, Mrs. Candace (Thurber.)** *Double darling and the dream spinner.*
The stories told a little girl by her watch.
- 44 **White, Eliza Orne.** *An only child.*
The trials of a little girl without brothers or sisters.
- 45 **White, Mary.** *Child's rainy day book.*
"Practical knowledge of unusual and interesting home occupations, absorbing and helpful to the young."

TABULATED REPORT OF LIBRARIES ACCORDING TO COUNTIES.

ADDISON COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FRFR. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOL. JULY, 1906. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | STATE AID. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN 1906. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|--|
| Addison | Addison Free Public Lib. | 1902 | Yes | Mrs. H. H. White. | 338 | 46 | Yes | \$ 25.00 | | |
| Bridport | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Bristol | Bristol Free Library | 1902 | Yes | Kate I. Stewart. | 1,525 | 69 | Yes | 200.00 | | |
| Bristol | Bristol High School. | | | | 40 | | | | | |
| Cornwall | Cornwall Free Library | 1905 | Yes | F. D. Manchester. | 1,105 | 106 | Yes | 40.00 | 1000 vol | Gilbert Lane, bequest in 1869. |
| Ferriaburg | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Gothen | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Granville | Granville Free Library | 1895 | Yes | Bessie M. Hubbard. | 385 | | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Hancock | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Leicester | Wide Awake School Lib. | 1892 | Yes | | 100 | | No | | | |
| Lincoln | Ladies Aid Society Lib. | 1900 | Yes | Mrs. Bert Siple. | 849 | 49 | Yes | 25.00 | \$ 350.00 | |
| Lincoln | Ladies Library. | 1866 | No | | 5,660 | | No | | 12 80 | |
| Lincoln | Middlebury College Lib. | 1800 | | | 31,000 | 400 | No | | 55,000.00 | (For building given by Egbert Starr. |
| Middlebury | | | | | | | | | | |
| Monkton | Sheldon Museum Library. | | Yes | Henry L. Sheldon. | 4,050 | 50 | No | 150.00 | | |
| New Haven | Middlebury High Sch. Lib. | 1906 | | | | | | | | |
| Orwell | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Panton | New Haven Town Library | 1901 | Yes | S. Brown. | 408 | 17 | Yes | 30.00 | | |
| Panton | Orwell Free Library | 1896 | Yes | Addie M. Raymond. | 1,350 | 80 | Yes | 100.00 | | |
| Panton | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Ripton | Ripton Free Library | 1895 | Yes | Agnes B. Billings. | 428 | 53 | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Sail-bury | Salisbury Public Library | 1901 | Yes | Samuel H. Kelley. | 796 | | Yes | 50.00 | | |
| Shoreham | Shoreham Free Library | 1893 | Yes | Florence H. Witherill. | 926 | 101 | Yes | 100.00 | | Building given by Mrs. Mary Meker Platt. |
| Starksboro | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Vergennes | Vergennes City Library | 1876 | No | Mary P. Tucker. | 3,711 | 80 | No | 245.00 | | |
| Vergennes | Vt. Industrial School Lib. | | | E. L. Ingalls. | 350 | 50 | No | | | |
| Waltham | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Weybridge | Cotton Free Public Lib. | 1901 | Yes | Martin B. Sprague. | 1,480 | 30 | Yes | 25.00 | 5,000.00 | Joshua P. Cotton bequest. |
| Whiting | Whiting Circulating Lib. | 1898 | No | Mrs. Kate Ketcham. | 1,300 | 25 | No | | | |

*Annually.

BENNINGTON COUNTY.

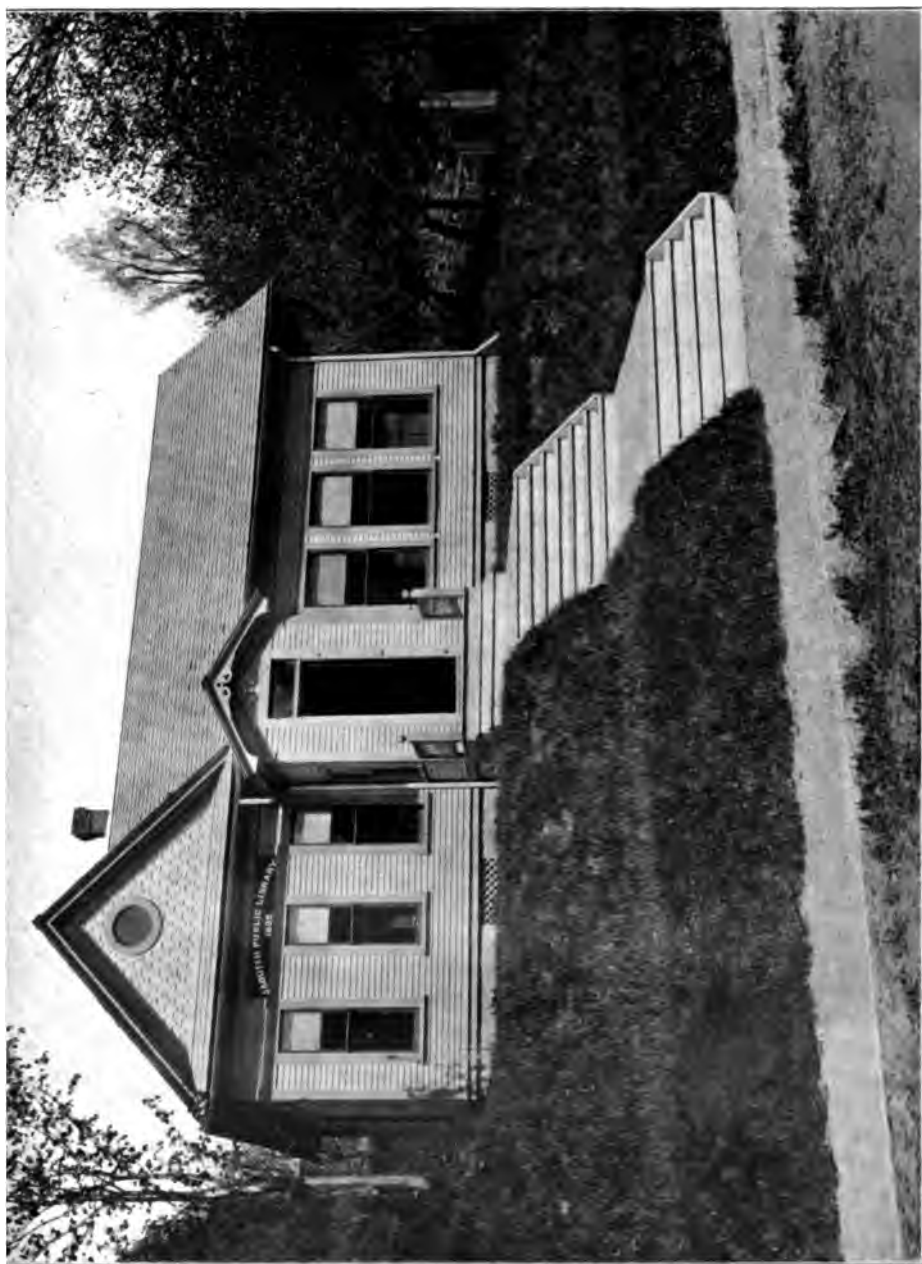
| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | No. Vols. July, 1906. | No. Vols. Added Last Year. | STATE AID. | AMT APP BY TOWN 1906. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|------------------|---|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Arlington..... | Arlington Circulating Lib.... | 1899 | No | Martha H. Canfield. | 350 | | No | \$ 500.00 | | |
| Bennington... | Bennington Free Library.... | 1865 | Yes | Mary B. Merrill. | 8,400 | 400 | No | *100.00 | \$ 525.00 | |
| | No. Bennington Free Lib.... | 1900 | Yes | H. S. Welling. | 2,000 | 100 | No | | | |
| | Old Academy Library.... | 1897 | No | Caroline R. Merrill. | 2,000 | | No | 109.00 | | |
| | Bennington High Sch. Lib.... | | | | 500 | | No | | | |
| | North Bennington Graded School Library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Dorset..... | Dorset Public Library..... | 1870 | No | Hattie Grey..... | 100 | | No | | | |
| Glastenbury..... | No library..... | | | | 1,170 | 70 | No | | | |
| Landgrove..... | Landgrove Public Library.... | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. G. M. Harris. | 329 | 53 | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Manchester..... | Mark Skinner Library..... | 1897 | No | Clara Chamberlain. | 15,500 | 700 | No | | 40,000.00 | Mrs. Henry J. Willing. |
| | Burr & Burton Sem. Lib.... | 1828 | | | 1,515 | 15 | No | | | |
| Peru..... | Peru Free Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. C. W. Whitney. | 615 | | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Pownal..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Readshoro..... | Readshoro Free Library..... | 1399 | Yes | A. P. Bishop..... | 908 | 100 | Yes | 40.00 | | |
| Rupert..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Sandgate..... | Sandgate..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Seaburg..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Shaftsbury..... | South Shaftsbury Lib. Asso. | 1874 | No | Mrs. Sarah Winfield. | 840 | 40 | No | | | |
| Stamford..... | Stamford Public Library.... | 1895 | Yes | Mary C. Morrissey. | 330 | 15 | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Sunderland..... | Sunderland Town Library.... | 1896 | Yes | John M. Gregory. | 480 | | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Winhall..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Woodford..... | Woodford City Library..... | 1904 | Yes | Mina Knights..... | 175 | | No | | | |

*\$100 Additional from the Village.

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | STATE AID. | AMT APP BY TOWN 1906. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------|-----------------------|------------|--|
| Barnet..... | Barnet Public Library..... | 1900 | Yes | Henrietta Willey..... | 1,597 | 140 | Yes | \$ 100.00 | \$ *50.00 | Mrs. Horace Fairbanks |
| Burke..... | Town Library..... | 1904 | Yes | Mr. L. H. Wells..... | 400 | Yes | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| East..... | Ladies' Library Association | 1872 | No | Mrs. E. F. Root..... | 516 | 16 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| West..... | Ladies' Library Association | 1873 | No | Mrs. George Brown..... | 1,143 | No | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | Pope Memorial Library..... | 1840 | No | Mrs. S. C. Currier..... | 1,200 | No | No | ..... | *35.00 | { Building given by Mrs. C. B. Pope. |
| Danville..... | Phillips Academy Library..... | 1904 | Yes | George N. Clark..... | 150 | ..... | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Groton..... | Groton Public Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Carrie P. Bridgeman..... | 619 | 34 | Yes | 250.00 | ..... | { Building given by Mrs. M. Jendevine. |
| Hardwick..... | Hathaway Free Public Lib. | 1883 | Yes | Carrie P. Bridgeman..... | 1,163 | 41 | No | 250.00 | 10,000.00 | ..... |
| | Jendevine Memorial Library | 1888 | Yes | Mrs. A. S. Graves..... | 773 | ..... | Yes | 16.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Kirby..... | Kirby Free Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. A. S. Graves..... | 571 | ..... | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | Cobleigh Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. H. Daston..... | 2,784 | 25 | Yes | 1,850.00 | 16,500.00 | { Eber W. Cobleigh for building. |
| Lyndon..... | Lyndon Institute Library..... | 1893 | No | Fred'k A. Reiney..... | 1,600 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Newark..... | Ladies' Library..... | 1810 | No | Mrs. M. I. Gray..... | 450 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Peacham..... | Juvenile Public Library..... | 1810 | No | Anna E. R. Grew..... | 2,212 | 44 | No | ..... | 1,535.00 | Thaddeus Stevens and others. |
| | Ryegate Public Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. Frank Powers..... | 730 | 60 | Yes | 50.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Ryegate..... | Ryegate Public Lib. | 1895 | Yes | Marion J. Hall..... | 300 | ..... | No | 50.00 | ..... | ..... |
| | Whitcomb Library..... | 1901 | Yes | W. B. F. Fairbanks..... | 255 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | St. Johnsbury Academy Lib. | 1871 | Yes | E. T. Fairbanks..... | 18,058 | 662 | No | ..... | 60,000.00 | Horace Fairbanks. |
| St. Johnsbury | St. Johnsbury Academy Lib. | 1871 | Yes | E. T. Fairbanks..... | 400 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Sheffield..... | Sheffield Free Public Lib | 1905 | Yes | Mrs. J. H. Nelson..... | 100 | ..... | Yes | 15.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Stannard..... | Stannard Free Public Lib | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. J. B. Wilson..... | 780 | ..... | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Sutton..... | Sutton Free Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. P. C. Curtis..... | ..... | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | Sutton Free Public Lib | 1895 | Yes | O. T. Eastman..... | 424 | 9 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Walden..... | Walden Free Public Lib | 1898 | Yes | Caroline H. Streeter..... | 430 | 68 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Waterford..... | Waterford Free Public Lib. | 1897 | Yes | Mrs. J. A. McDowell..... | 519 | 26 | Yes | 16.00 | | |
| Wheelock..... | Wheelock Public Library..... | 1897 | Yes | Mrs. J. A. McDowell..... | | | | | | |

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JACQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY, MARSHFIELD.

CHITTENDEN COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FRM. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | STATE AID. | AMT APP. BY TOWN IN 1906. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|----------------|---|------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Bolton | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| | Fletcher Free Library (Carnegie Building). | 1874 | Yes | Sarah C. Hagar | 40,000 | 1,000 | No | \$ 5,000.00 | \$10,000.00 10,000.00 50,000.00 | Horatio Loomis. Mary L. Fletcher. For building, given by Fletcher family. |
| | University of Vt. Library | 1836 | Yes | Edith E. Clarke | 73,044 | 2,090 | No | | { 100,000.00 { 20,000.00 | Fred's earnings. Fred's Billings Family. Library Fund. |
| | Adams School Library | 1903 | | | 300 | | No | 150.00 | | |
| Burlington | Burlington High Sch. Lib. | 1894 | | | 850 | 15 | No | | | |
| | Burlington Grammar Sch. Lib. | 1894 | | | 150 | | No | | | |
| | Converse School Library | 1894 | | | 200 | | No | | | |
| | St. Mary's Academy Lib. | 1894 | | | 3,000 | | No | | | |
| Charlotte | Free Public Library | 1899 | Yes | Mrs. C. M. Parmelee | 1,000 | 50 | No | | | |
| | King's Library | 1899 | No | Mrs. C. M. Parmelee | 1,400 | | No | | | |
| | Essex Free Library | 1898 | Yes | Ira W. Beach | 1,200 | 30 | Yes | 50.00 | | |
| | Essex (Essex Center branch) | 1898 | Yes | E. H. Lawrence | 275 | | No | | | |
| Essex | Essex Classical Institute Lib | 1847 | | | 125 | | No | | | |
| | Essex Classical Sch. Lib. | 1893 | Yes | W. W. Brander | 538 | | No | | | |
| | Port Ethan Allen Library | 1902 | Yes | M. R. France | 800 | 30 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| | Hinsburg High School | 1902 | Yes | | 100 | | No | | | |
| Hinsburg | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| | Jericho Town Library | 1899 | Yes | Mrs. Jennie W. Hart | 895 | 60 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| | Milton Free Library | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. L. E. Wolcott | 300 | | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| | Richmond Free Library | 1888 | Yes | Mrs. Leon Hall | 1,375 | 125 | No | | *78.00 | Jonas F. Barber fund. |
| St. George | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| | Shelburne Free Library | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. H. M. Tracy | 1,460 | 180 | Yes | 100.00 | | |
| | Shelburne High School | 1896 | | | 140 | | No | | | |
| | No library | | | | | | | | | |
| So. Burlington | Underhill Town Library | 1903 | Yes | Mrs. W. J. Fuller | 459 | 143 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| | Westford Free Library | 1895 | Yes | D. D. Smith | 684 | 20 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| | Williston Public Library | 1905 | Yes | Mrs. H. O. Whitney | 281 | | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

*Annually.

ESSEX COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | No. Vols. July, 1906. | No. Vols. Added Last Year. | STATE AID. | AMOUNT APP. BY TOWN 1906. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------|------------|--|
| Bloomfield..... | No library..... | 1895 | Yes | Leta J. Raton..... | 1,110 | 102 | Yes | \$ 100.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Brighton..... | Island Pond Public Library..... | 1892 | Yes | Mrs. J. A. Weeks..... | 519 | 15 | No | 80.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Brunswick..... | No library..... | 1896 | Yes | Edith M. Brooks..... | 872 | ..... | No | 38.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Canaan..... | Concord Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | A. M. Carpenter..... | 270 | 20 | Yes | 15.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Concord..... | No library..... | 1901 | Yes | Mrs. C. F. Webb..... | 720 | 20 | Yes | 50.00 | ..... | { Building given by Hon. E. C. Benton. |
| East Haven..... | Town Library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Granby..... | Guildhall Public Library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Guildhall..... | No library..... | 1895 | Yes | Julia R. White..... | 1,137 | 70 | Yes | 100.00 | ..... | Bldg given by Aiden Balch |
| Lemington..... | Aiden Balch memorial lib. .. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Lunenburg..... | No library..... | 1897 | Yes | Mrs. L. F. Houston..... | 280 | ..... | Yes | 15.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Maldenstone..... | Victory Public Library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Norton..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Victory..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

* Makes appropriation for, and by terms of the bequest has free use of the Guildhall Public Library.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | STATE AID. | AMT. APP. BY TOWN, 1906. | RENDOW-MENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Bakersfield..... | Brigham Academy Library | 1879 | ..... | ..... | 1,150 | 50 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Berkshire..... | No library. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bosburg..... | Enosburg Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Clara M. Pratt..... | 2,055 | 150 | No | Yes \$ 150.00 | ..... | ..... |
| ..... | High School Library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 550 | 150 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| ..... | Fairfax Free Library..... | 1899 | Yes | Mrs. F. A. Petty..... | 495 | 29 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | Hiram Bellows legacy. |
| Fairfax..... | Bellows Free Academy Lib. | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Fairfield..... | Fairfield Town Library..... | 1901 | Yes | W. H. Fairchild..... | 300 | ..... | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Fairfield, East. | Town Library (branch)..... | ..... | ..... | F. S. Tupper..... | 200 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Fletcher..... | Fletcher Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | W. S. Shepardson..... | 430 | ..... | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Franklin..... | Franklin Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | C. W. Powell..... | 780 | 30 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Georgia..... | Georgia Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. Abner Bliss..... | 368 | 15 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Highgate..... | Highgate Public Library..... | 1898 | Yes | Josephine H. Lyon..... | 242 | ..... | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Montgomery..... | Montgomery Town Library..... | 1895 | Yes | C. L. Martin..... | 641 | 26 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Richford..... | Arvin A. Brown Public Lib. | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. A. K. Brown..... | 1,867 | 42 | No | ..... | ..... | Arvin A. Brown and S. P. Carpenter. |
| Richford..... | Richford School Library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 311 | 85 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| St. Albans..... | St. Albans Free Library..... | 1865 | Yes | Bertha C. Jennison..... | 5,944 | 427 | No | 500.00 | 1,000.00 | Luther B. Hunt. |
| St. Albans..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Town..... | High School Library..... | 1897 | Yes | W. B. Curtis..... | 700 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Sheldon..... | Sheldon Free Public Library..... | 1899 | Yes | Elizabeth Rogers..... | 1,083 | 867 | No | 50.00 | 3,000.00 | Jonathan Northrop. |
| Swanton..... | Swanton Free Library..... | 1899 | Yes | ..... | 3,000 | 5 | No | 200.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Swanton..... | High School Library..... | 1900 | ..... | ..... | 600 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |

* Makes appropriation for, has free use of and has three members in the board of nine trustees of St. Albans city library. † Annually.

GRAND ISLE COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY PERM. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO VOLS. JULY, 1906. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | STATE AID. | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1906. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Alburgh..... | Alburgh Town Library..... | 1894 | Yes | Mrs J. S. Goodfellow | 484 | 18 | Yes | \$ 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Grand Isle..... | Grand Isle Library Club..... | 1868 | No | Mrs. Edson Ufford... | 250 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Isle La Motte... | Isle La Motte Free Library. | 1895 | Yes | Cynthia N. Ritchie... | 208 | 9 | Yes | 15.00 | ..... | ..... |
| North Hero..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| South Hero..... | South Hero Public Library | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. J. D. Hall..... | 460 | 24 | Yes | 15.00 | ..... | ..... |



INTERIOR OF JAQUITH PUBLIC LIBRARY, MARSHFIELD.

LAMOILLE COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISH- MENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | No. Vols. JULY, 1906. | No. Vols. ADDED LAST YEAR. | STATE AID. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN, 1906. | ENDOW- MENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Belvidere..... | No library..... | 1899 | Yes | Mrs. J. W. Raymore | 366 | 32 | Yes | \$ 25.00 | | |
| Cambridge..... | Crescendo Club Library..... | 1900 | Yes | Carrie P. Carroll | 516 | 25 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| | Wilson Memorial Library..... | 1904 | Yes | A. M. Rice | 645 | 79 | No | 25.00 | | Established by Wilson gift of \$500.00. |
| Cambridge..... | Graded School Library..... | | | | 80 | | No | | | |
| Eden..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Hyde Park..... | Hyde Park Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | | 900 | | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Johnson..... | Johnson Public Library..... | 1885 | Yes | | 930 | 80 | Yes | 50.00 | | |
| | State Normal School Lib..... | 1897 | | | 2,618 | 141 | No | | | |
| Morristown..... | Morristown Centennial Lib | 1891 | Yes | F. G. Fleetwood..... | 2,325 | 50 | No | 175.00 | \$ 500.00 D. T. Safford Fund. | |
| Stowe..... | Stowe Free Library..... | 1866 | Yes | Mrs. M. Jeanney..... | 2,516 | | No | 75.00 | 200.00 Mary Clark..... | |
| | Stowe Graded School Lib..... | | | | 400 | | No | | 200.00 Poland fund. | |
| Waterville..... | Waterville Town Library..... | 1895 | Yes | Mrs. R. A. Willey..... | 256 | 135 | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Wolcott..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |

ORANGE COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FERR. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | No. Vols. July, 1906. | No. Vols. Added Last Year. | STATE AID. | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1906. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|---------------|---|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|---|
| Bradford | Bradford Public Library..... | 1895 | No | Mrs. A. C. Spalding. | 3,350 | 250 | No | ..... | \$5,000.00 | J. L. Woods. |
| Braintree | Bradford Academy Library..... | 1900 | Yes | Minnie F. Batcheller | 2,700 | ..... | Yes | \$ 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Brookfield | Braintree Public Library..... | 1791 | Yes | Louise Parmenter..... | 2,500 | 50 | No | ..... | 200.00 | Mrs. Alice Wheatley Thayer |
| Chelsea | Brookfield High School Lib | 1901 | ..... | Nellie M. Corwin..... | 1,125 | 41 | No | 50.00 | ..... | Building given by Alden Speare. |
| Corinth | Alden Speare Memorial Lib | 1892 | Yes | ..... | 1,547 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Fairlee | Chelsea High School Lib..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 280 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Newbury | Blake Memorial Library..... | 1902 | No | Mrs. S. A. Butterfield | 1,700 | 100 | No | ..... | *500.00 | Mrs. Almira Fenno, Mr. C. M. Blake, Mr. Nathan Blake. |
| Orange | Fairlee Public Library..... | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. B. W. Abbott..... | 362 | ..... | Yes | ..... | ..... | Also gave building. |
| Randolph | Tenney Memorial Library..... | 1897 | Yes | Frances M. Atkinson | 4,597 | 77 | No | 150.00 | *215.00 | Building given by Martha J. Tenney. |
| Randolph | Wells River Library..... | 1858 | No | Kate D. Lee..... | 1,697 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | Building given by Col. Erastus Baldwin. |
| Randolph | Orange Public Town Lib..... | 1881 | Yes | Myra F. Davis..... | 600 | ..... | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Randolph | Kimball Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Anne L. DuBois..... | 6,022 | 258 | Yes | 800.00 | 3,800.00 | Mrs. S. J. Crocker, Building given by Col. R. J. Kimball. |
| Randolph | Randolph State Normal School Library..... | 1806 | ..... | ..... | 7,000 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Randolph | Randolph High School Lib | ..... | ..... | ..... | 800 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Randolph | Harris Library..... | 1855 | Yes | Helen D. Moon..... | 5,303 | 111 | No | ..... | 1,080.00 | Building given by Hon. J. S. Morrill. |
| Stratford | Latham Memorial Library..... | 1878 | No | Mrs. F. E. Garey..... | 4,030 | 30 | No | ..... | 1,500.00 | Mrs. A. L. Barney. |
| Thetford | Peabody Public Library..... | 1866 | No | Harvey Dodge..... | 3,000 | ..... | No | ..... | 2,500.00 | George Peabody. |
| Thetford | Thetford Academy Library | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Topsham | No library | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Verdun | Colton Public Library..... | 1895 | No | Mrs. Charles Emery..... | 1,040 | ..... | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Washington | Washington Town Library | 1901 | Yes | Mrs. Charles Emery..... | 887 | ..... | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| West Fairlee | Town Library..... | 1905 | Yes | Mrs. Charles Emery..... | 5,200 | 100 | No | ..... | 600.00 | Mrs. H. A. White. |
| Williamstown | Williamstown Social Lib. | 1801 | No | George B. Wilber..... | 8,200 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |

* Annually.

ORLEANS COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | STATE AID. | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1906. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|------------------|---|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Albany..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Barton..... | Barton Town Library..... | 1898 | Yes | Mabel L. Gay..... | 1,546 | 31 | Yes | \$ 200.00 | | |
| | Barton Landing Branch..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Barton..... | Barton Academy Library..... | 1891 | | | | | No | | | |
| | Barton Landing High School Library..... | | | | 300 | | No | | | |
| Brownington..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Charleston..... | E. Charleston Read & Circle | 1897 | Yes | Mrs. I. R. Wolcott..... | 470 | | No | | | |
| Cowenry..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Craftsbury..... | Craftsbury Academy Lib. | 1848 | Yes | Ruth C. Rowley..... | 2,631 | 91 | No | 100.00 | | Mrs. Martha Haskell |
| Derby..... | Haskell Free Library..... | 1906 | Yes | Harold H. Stone..... | 5,500 | 500 | No | | \$100,000.00 | { and Col. H. S. Haskell. |
| Derby..... | Derby Academy..... | | | | 1,000 | | No | | | |
| Glover..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Greensboro..... | Greensboro Free Library..... | 1900 | Yes | Mrs. F. U. B. Jackson | 1,350 | 50 | Yes | 125.00 | | { Building given by H. S. Tolman. |
| Holland..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Irasburg..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Jay..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Lowell..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Morgan..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Newport..... | Goodrich Memorial Library | 1899 | No | Lizzie M. Sargent..... | 8,678 | 278 | No | 17.00 | 32,000.00 | Converse G. Goodrich. |
| | Goodrich Memorial Lib. | | | | 200 | | | | | |
| Troy..... | North Troy High School Lib. | | | | 118 | 5 | No | | | |
| Westfield..... | Westfield Public Library... | 1896 | Yes | E. S. Miller..... | 655 | 95 | Yes | 15.00 | | { Building given by A. C. Hitchcock. |
| Westmore..... | Westmore Public Library... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. D. O. Marden..... | 377 | | Yes | 15.00 | | |

RUTLAND COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FRER. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906. | NO. VOLS. ADDED YEAR. | STATE AID. | AMT APP. BY TOWN 1906. | ENDOW. MENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED |
|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|--------------|---|
| Benson | Benson Free Library | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. M. Patterson. | 1,251 | 16 | Yes | 100.00 | | |
| Brandon | Brandon Free Public Lib. | 1901 | Yes | Mrs. F. E. Kingsley | 3,010 | 210 | No | 100.00 | | |
| Castleton | Castleton Free Public Lib. | 1897 | Yes | Minnie A. Rice. | 2,050 | 150 | Yes | 200.00 | \$ 500.00 | Russell M. Wright Memorial fund. |
| | State Normal School Lib. | 1896 | Yes | E. J. Perry | 4,000 | | | | | |
| Chittenden | Chittenden Free Library | 1902 | Yes | B. J. Davis | 543 | 20 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Clarendon | North Clarendon Lib. Asso. | 1890 | Yes | Mrs. J. H. Davis | 256 | | No | | | |
| Danby | Danby Free Library | 1880 | Yes | Mrs. Julius C. Griffith | 800 | | No | | 14,000.00 | Silas L. Griffith for building. |
| Fair Haven | Fair Haven Public Library | 1886 | Yes | Ellen F. Dewey | 4,901 | 881 | No | 800.00 | 3,000.00 | Andrew Carnegie for building. |
| Hubbardton | High School Library | | | | 15 | | No | | | |
| Ira | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Mendon | Baptist Sunday School Lib. | 1850 | Yes | Grace Parker | 200 | | No | | | |
| Middletown Sp. | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Middletown Sp. | Middletown Sp. Pub. Lib. | 1889 | Yes | D. S. Carpenter. | 986 | 128 | Yes | 80.00 | | |
| Mt. Holly | Grammar School Library | | | | 69 | | No | | | |
| Mt. Taber | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Pawlet | Pawlet Public Library | 1903 | Yes | O. Bushee | 820 | 120 | Yes | 200.00 | | |
| Pittsfield | Pittsfield Free Town Lib. | 1901 | Yes | Rufus Holt. | 310 | 74 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Pittsford | MacLure Library | 1839 | Yes | Bertina M. Shaw | 6,296 | 295 | No | 259.92 | | |
| Poultney | Poultney Public Library | 1896 | Yes | Addie P. Kilborn | 4,386 | 179 | Yes | 500.00 | | Walker Memorial building given by Henry W. Walker, M. D., and endowed by others |
| | Poultney High School Lib. | 1901 | | | 200 | | No | | | |
| | Troy Conference Acad Lib. | | | | 2,975 | 155 | No | | | |
| Proctor | Proctor Public Library | 1881 | Yes | Mary K. Norton | 5,502 | 295 | No | 289.70 | | |
| | High School Library | | | | 150 | | No | | | |
| Rutland | Rutland Free Library | 1886 | Yes | Lucy D. Cheney | 15,900 | 400 | No | | | |
| | H. H. Baxter Memorial Lib | 1891 | Yes | Mrs. A. P. Riker | 20,000 | | No | | | Supported by H. H. Baxter |
| | High School Library | | | | 1,800 | 100 | No | | | |
| Rutland, Town | House of Correction Lib. | | | | 500 | | No | | | |
| Sherburne | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Shrewsbury | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Sudbury | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Tinmouth | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| Wallingford | Gilbert Hart Library | 1904 | Yes | May L. Congdon | 3,100 | 100 | No | 427.87 | 2,000.00 | S. E. Bogue building given by Gilbert Hart. |
| Wells | No library. | | | | | | | | | |
| West Haven | Free Circulating Library | 1807 | Yes | Mrs. S. R. Hitchcock | 318 | 56 | Yes | 68.00 | | |
| West Rutland | West Rutland Public Lib. | 1808 | Yes | Nellie H. Newton | 1,419 | 144 | No | 300.00 | | |



BAND STAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, QUEBEC.



INTERIOR OF BAND STAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, QUEBEC.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NAME OF LIARARIAN. | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906. | NO. VOLS. ADDR. LAST YEAR. | STATE AID. | AM'T APP. BY TOWN 1906. | ENDOWMENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------------|--|
| Barre..... | Barre Library Association..... | 1872 | No | Mrs. Louise L. Boyce | 6,000 | ..... | No | ..... | \$45,000.00 | From Aldrich Fund for building. |
| " | E. B. French Library..... | 1899 | No | " | 2,000 | ..... | No | \$ 300.00 | 2,500.00 | E. B. French. |
| " | Goddard Seminary Library..... | ..... | ..... | " | 3,000 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Berlin..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cabot..... | Cabot Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Walter H. Lancaster | 767 | 17 | Yes | 50.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Calais..... | Calais Circulating Library..... | 1892 | No | Mrs. I. I. Converse | 1,189 | 69 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Calais..... | East Calais Circulating Lib..... | 1888 | No | Mrs. Gay Bancroft | 1,447 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Dunbury..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| E. Montpelier..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Fayston..... | Jaquith public library..... | 1899 | Yes | Mrs. B. B. Nowmes | 3,025 | 125 | No | 125.00 | *160.00 | Martin M. Kellogg. |
| Marshfield..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | Pannie M. Kellogg. |
| Middlesex..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | John B. Hubbard. |
| Montpelier..... | Kellogg-Hubbard library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mary E. Macomber | 16,920 | 1,039 | No | ..... | 145,000.00 | Wilbur P. Braman. |
| " | Vermont State Library..... | 1825 | Yes | George W. Wing | 45,000 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| " | High School Library..... | 1888 | ..... | ..... | 1,200 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Montpelier..... | Montpelier Seminary Lib..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,506 | 8 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Moretown..... | Moretown Free Library..... | 1903 | Yes | Florence A. Haylett | 1,241 | ..... | No | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Northfield..... | Northfield Free Public Lib..... | 1905 | Yes | Ellen L. Brown | 1,000 | ..... | Yes | 223.35 | 20,000.00 | Building given by Mr. Geo. W. Brown. |
| " | Norwich University Library..... | 1819 | Yes | W. A. Ellis | 11,195 | 1,719 | No | ..... | 50,000.00 | For building given by Andrew Carnegie. |
| Plainfield..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Roxbury..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Waitsfield..... | Waitsfield Town Library..... | 1900 | Yes | Mrs. Flora Moriarty | 540 | 65 | Yes | 75.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Warren..... | Warrentown Library..... | 1901 | Yes | Mrs. Laura Parker | 164 | ..... | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Waterbury..... | Waterbury Town Library..... | 1905 | Yes | ..... | 3,000 | ..... | Yes | 375.00 | 10,000.00 | Mrs. Horace Fales. |
| Waterbury..... | Insane Asylum Library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 350 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Woodbury..... | Woodbury Public Library..... | 1895 | Yes | H. E. Burnham | 267 | | Yes | | | |
| Worcester..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |

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WINDHAM COUNTY.

| NAME OF TOWN. | NAME OF LIBRARY. | DATE OF ESTABLISHMENT. | LIBRARY FRMR. | NAME OF LIBRARIAN. | NO. VOLS. JULY, 1906. | NO. VOLS. ADDED LAST YEAR. | STATE AID. | AMT APP. BY TOWN, 1906. | ENDOW MENT. | BY WHOM ENDOWED. |
|------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------|--|
| Athens..... | Athens Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. J. S. Hastings.. | 364 | 54 | Yes | \$ 15.00 | \$20,000.00 { | For building given by George Brooks. |
| Brattleboro..... | Brattleboro Free Library.... | 1882 | Yes | Mary F. Shakesher.. | 16,500 | 770 | No | 1,800.00 | 1,000.00 { | Mrs. L. B. Daniels. |
| | Brattleboro Retreat Lib.... | | | Anne S. Angell..... | 4,960 | | No | | 1,000.00 { | Mrs. C. A. King. |
| | High School Library..... | | | | 300 | | No | | | |
| Brookline..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Dummerston..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Grafton..... | Grafton Public Library..... | 1858 | Yes | Mrs. Thaddeus Park.. | 3,058 | | No | 100.00 | 500.00 | |
| Guilford..... | Guilford Free Library..... | 1891 | Yes | Mrs. Etta H. Ward.. | 1,265 | | No | 40.00 | 1,000.00 | |
| Halifax..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Jamaica..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Londonderry..... | Londonderry Lib. Asso..... | 1882 | No | Mrs. P. R. Holt..... | 950 | 2 | No | | | |
| Marlboro..... | So. Londonderry Lib. Asso.. | 1902 | No | George A. Coombs.. | 618 | 81 | No | | | |
| Newfane..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Putney..... | Moore Free Library..... | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. P. C. Moore.... | 4,500 | | No | | 2,000.00 | Mrs. P. C. Moore. |
| | Putney Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Freda C. Pember.... | 1,508 | 200 | Yes | 200.00 | 500.00 | C. W. Kimball. |
| Rockingham..... | High School Library..... | 1901 | | | 56 | | No | | 15,000.00 | For building given by Andrew Carnegie. |
| | Rockingham Free Public Lib | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. N. M. Plantier | 8,594 | 160 | No | 1,100.00 | | |
| " | Bellevue Falls High Sch'l Lib | | | | 100 | | No | | | |
| " | Vermont Academy Library | 1866 | | | 4,000 | | No | | | |
| Somerset..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Townshend..... | Townshend Free Library.... | 1899 | Yes | Mrs. F. L. Osgood.. | 482 | 70 | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| | Leland and Gray Sem'y Lib | | | | 75 | | No | | | |
| Vernon..... | Vernon Free Public Library | 1905 | Yes | Mrs. E. H. Akley.... | 163 | | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Wardsboro..... | Wardsboro Free Library.... | 1899 | Yes | Mrs. A. M. Farnum.. | 680 | | Yes | 15.00 | | |
| Westminster..... | Ladies' Aid Society Library | 1870 | No | Mrs. E. C. Fisher.... | 972 | 14 | No | | 1,000.00 | Homer Goodhue. |
| Whitingham..... | Whitingham Free Library.... | 1899 | Yes | Mrs. C. E. Chase.... | 457 | | Yes | 25.00 | | |
| Wilmington..... | Wilmington Free Public Lib | 1895 | Yes | Lettie Kingale..... | 1,338 | 64 | Yes | 50.00 | 5,000.00 | For building given by Lyman Pettee. |
| Windham..... | Windham Public Library.... | 1895 | Yes | Meredith M. Lamson | 500 | 515 | Yes | 15 00 | | |

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|-------------------|---|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|---|
| Andover..... | Andover Town Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Adella B. Stannard..... | 1,337 | 92 | Yes | \$ 15.00 | | |
| Baltimore..... | No library..... | | | | | | | | | |
| Barnard..... | Charles B. Danforth Free } Public Library..... | 1908 | Yes | Mrs. J. G. Putnam..... | 860 | 60 | Yes | 50.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Bethel..... | Bethel Free Library..... | 1893 | Yes | Mary Gilson..... | 1,569 | 69 | No | 35.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Bridgewater..... | No library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Canaan..... | Pletcher Town Library..... | 1870 | Yes | W. W. Adams..... | 2,924 | 282 | No | 150.00 | ..... | Richard Fletcher. |
| Chester..... | Whiting Free Library..... | 1892 | Yes | C. Geneva Pollard..... | 3,618 | 282 | No | 300.00 | ..... | { Dr. Laurin G. Whiting. Abigail B. Whiting. |
| " | High School Library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 100 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hartford..... | Hartford Public Library..... | 1893 | Yes | Fanny L. Wright..... | 3,865 | 100 | No | ..... | ..... | { Building given by Ephraim Morris. |
| " | White River Junction Lib..... | 1881 | Yes | Mrs. E. J. Wallace..... | 1,624 | 124 | No | ..... | ..... | { For building by Amos Barnes. |
| " | White River Junc. School Lib Wildier Club and Library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 350 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| " | Quebec Library Assn..... | 1899 | ..... | L. M. Hodgkins..... | 1,278 | 78 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Hartland..... | Hartland Public Library..... | 1884 | No | Mrs. H. A. Allen..... | 1,168 | 66 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Ludlow..... | Fletcher Memorial Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Hattie M. Smith..... | 900 | ..... | Yes | ..... | ..... | { Given and mostly sup- ported by Hon. A. M. Fletcher. |
| Norwich..... | Black River Academy Lib..... | 1901 | Yes | Frances M. Pierce..... | 8,126 | 339 | No | 390.84 | ..... | ..... |
| " | Norwich Public Library..... | 1880 | No | Mrs. B. W. Knight..... | 1,107 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Plymouth..... | Plymouth Union Library..... | 1886 | No | Mrs. O. E. Crawford..... | 2,789 | 109 | No | ..... | ..... | { Building given by popular subscription. |
| " | Tyson Library..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 266 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Pomfret..... | Pomfret Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. C. C. Johnson..... | 856 | ..... | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| " | Abbott Memorial Library.. | 1905 | Yes | Mrs. Abbie Bruce..... | 1,100 | ..... | No | 75.00 | ..... | { Building given by Judge Ira Abbott. |
| Reading..... | Reading Public Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Minnie C. Fay..... | 2,027 | 20 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Rochester..... | Rochester Free Library..... | 1896 | Yes | Mrs. C. P. Flint..... | 1,500 | 370 | Yes | 200.00 | ..... | Mrs. A. B. Robinson. |
| Royalton..... | Royalton Free Public Lib..... | 1890 | Yes | Seymour Culver..... | 1,000 | ..... | Yes | 30.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Sharon..... | Sharon Town Library..... | 1898 | Yes | Mrs. H. A. Roberts..... | 820 | 38 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Springfield..... | Springfield Town Library.. | 1870 | Yes | Mrs. K. W. Barney..... | 5,306 | 480 | No | 700.00 | ..... | { Building given by H. S. Spofford, Harrison H. Spofford and others. |
| Stockbridge..... | Stockbridge Free Library..... | 1895 | Yes | J. A. Chedel..... | 220 | ..... | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Weatherfield..... | Belcher Library..... | 1896 | Yes | "..... | 2,785 | ..... | No | 75.00 | ..... | ..... |
| " | Proctor Library..... | 1903 | Yes | Nellie P. Blanchard..... | 850 | 50 | No | 200.00 | ..... | { William C. Belcher. { Building given by Hon. B. Spofford. |
| Weston..... | Weston Free Public Library | 1898 | Yes | G. H. Coburn..... | 975 | 75 | Yes | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| West Windsor.. | Mary L. Blood Memorial Lib | 1901 | Yes | J. A. Savage..... | 897 | 42 | Yes | 75.00 | ..... | { Building given by Hon. H. Blood. |
| Windsor..... | Windsor Library Asso..... | 1883 | Yes | M. O. Perkins..... | 11,344 | 412 | No | 400.00 | ..... | { Hon. and Mrs. Hiram Har- low, Build'g given by Hon. B. F. Blood and others. |
| Woodstock..... | Vermont State Prison Lib..... | ..... | Yes | Rev. W. H. Hayes..... | 500 | ..... | No | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| " | Norman Williams Pub. Lib..... | 1886 | Yes | Mrs. O. B. Jaquith..... | 15,151 | 850 | No | ..... | ..... | { * 2,300.00 Dr. E. H. Williams. |

* Annually.

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES.

The towns are classified according to their free library privileges as follows:

CLASS 1.

Towns which have libraries owned and controlled by the town and free for circulation to all the people. (All towns in this list excepting those marked † have organized their libraries with State Aid.)

| | | |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Addison, | Highgate, | Sheffield, |
| Alburg, | Hinesburg, | Shelburne, |
| Andover, | Hyde Park, | Sheldon, |
| Athens, | Isle La Motte, | Shoreham, |
| Barnard, | Jericho, | South Hero, |
| Barnet, | Johnson, | Stamford, |
| Barton, | Kirby, | Stockbridge, |
| Benson, | Landgrove, | Stowe, |
| Braintree, | Lincoln, | Stratford, |
| †Brattleboro, | Lunenburg, | Sunderland, |
| Brighton, | Lyndon, | Sutton, |
| Bristol, | Marshfield, | Swanton, |
| Burke, | Middletown Springs, | Townshend, |
| Cabot, | Milton, | Underhill, |
| Cambridge, | Montgomery, | Vernon, |
| Canaan, | Moretown, | Vershire, |
| Castleton, | New Haven, | Victory, |
| †Cavendish, | Newport, | Waitsfield, |
| †Chelsea, | Northfield, | Walden, |
| †Chester, | Orange, | Wardsboro, |
| Chittenden, | Orwell, | Warren, |
| Concord, | Pawlet, | Washington, |
| Cornwall, | Peru, | Waterbury, |
| Enosburg, | Pittsfield, | Waterford, |
| Essex, | Pomfret, | Waterville, |
| †Fair Haven, | Poultney, | West Fairlee, |
| Fairlee, | Putney, | Westfield, |
| Fairfax, | Randolph, | Westford, |
| Fairfield, | Reading, | West Haven, |
| Fletcher, | Readsboro, | Westmore, |
| Franklin, | †Richford, | Weston, |
| Georgia, | †Richmond, | West Windsor, |
| Grafton, | Ripton, | Weybridge, |
| Granby, | Rochester, | Wheelock, |
| Granville, | †Rockingham, | Whitingham, |
| Greensboro, | Royalton, | Williston, |
| Groton, | Ryegate, | Wilmington, |
| Guildhall, | Salisbury, | Windham, |
| †Guilford, | †St. Albans, | Woodbury,—121. |
| Hardwick, | §St. Albans (Town of), | |
| Hartland, | Sharon, | |

With state aid 109.

Without state aid 12.

§Has free use of public library in St. Albans (City,) and makes annual appropriation for its support.





THE UNIVERSITY BUILDING, ANN ARBOR, MICH.

CLASS 2.

Towns which have free libraries in which the town has some representation in the management.

| | | |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Bennington, | Burlington, | Springfield,—3 |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|

CLASS 3.

Towns in which there are free libraries to which the town appropriates money, but is not represented in the management.

| | | |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| Bethel, | Pittsford, | Weathersfield, |
| Brandon, | Proctor, | West Rutland, |
| Maidstone, | Rutland, | Windsor,—12. |
| Morristown, | Wallingford, | |
| Newbury, | | |

CLASS 4.

Towns in which there are free libraries which have no connection with the town.

| | | |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Bakersfield, | Derby, | St. Johnsbury, |
| Charleston, | Hartford, | Ludlow, |
| Charlotte, | Montpelier, | Woodstock, |
| Craftsbury, | Newfane, | Thetford,—13. |
| Danby, | | |

CLASS 5.

*Towns which have no free library. (Towns marked * contain libraries which are not free.)*

| | | |
|------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Albany, | Glastenbury, | Plainfield, |
| *Arlington, | Glover, | *Plymouth, |
| Baltimore, | Goshen, | Pownal, |
| *Barre, | *Grand Isle, | Roxbury, |
| Barre (Town of), | Halifax, | Rupert, |
| Belvidere, | Hancock, | Rutland (Town of), |
| Berkshire, | Holland, | St. George, |
| Berlin, | Hubbardton, | Sandgate, |
| Bloomfield, | Huntington, | Searsburg, |
| Bolton, | *Ira, | *Shaftsbury, |
| *Bradford, | Irasburg, | Sherburne, |
| Bridgewater, | Jamaica, | Shrewsbury, |
| Bridport, | Jay, | Somerset, |
| *Brookfield, | Leicester, | South Burlington, |
| Brookline, | Lemington, | Staunard, |
| Brownington, | *Londonderry, | Starksboro, |
| Brunswick, | Lowell, | Stratton, |
| *Calais, | *Manchester, | Sudbury, |
| *Clarendon, | Marlboro, | Tinmouth, |
| *Colchester, | Mendon, | Topsham, |
| *Corinth, | *Middlebury, | Troy, |
| *Coventry, | Middlesex, | Tunbridge, |
| | Peacham, | |

| | | |
|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| *Danville, | Monkton, | *Vergennes, |
| *Dorset, | Morgan, | Waltham, |
| Dover, | Mt. Holly, | Wells, |
| *Dummerston, | Mt. Tabor, | *Westminster, |
| Duxbury, | *Newark, | *Whiting, |
| East Haven, | North Hero, | *Williamstown, |
| East Montpelier, | Norton, | Winhall, |
| Eden, | *Norwich, | Wolcott, |
| Elmore, | Panton, | *Woodford, |
| Fayston, | Peacham, | Worcester,—97. |
| Ferrisburg, | | |

Towns without libraries, 71. Towns having libraries which are not free, 25.

CLASS 6.

Traveling Library Stations.

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Arlington, | Ferrisburg, | Roxbury, |
| Baltimore, | Fletcher, | Royalton, |
| Bennington, | Glover, | St. George, |
| Brandon, | Guilford, | Stamford, |
| Bristol, | Halifax, | Starksboro, |
| Calais, | Halifax, Valley | Wardsboro, |
| Cambridge, | Jamaica, | Waterbury. |
| Canaan, | Jericho, | Waterville, |
| Charlotte, | Lincoln, | Wells, |
| Coventry, | Lunenburg, | Westford, |
| Danville, | Milton, | Westford, Cloverdale. |
| Danville, Harvey, | Reading, | Westminster, |
| Dummerston, | Richmond, | Windsor, |
| Fairfax, Beaver, | Rochester, | Worcester,—44. |
| Fairfax, Buck Hollow, | Rockingham, | |

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF LIBRARIES ESTABLISHED BY AID OF THE COMMISSION.

1895.

| NAME OF LIBRARY. | WHERE LOCATED. |
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| Andover Town Library, | Post Office. |
| Barton Town Library, | Block. |
| Canaan Free Library, | Block. |
| Chittenden Public Library, | Residence. |
| Georgia Free Public Library, | Town Hall. |
| Granby, Sunset Library, | Town Hall. |
| Groton Public Library, | Residence. |
| Granville Public Library, | Residence. |
| Hardwick, Hathaway Free Public Library, | |

Hyde Park Public Library,
 Island Pond Public Library,
 Isle La Motte Public Library,
 Johnson Public Library,
 Kirby Free Public Library,
 Landgrove Public Library,
 Lunenburg Public Library,
 Lyndon Free Public Library,
 Marshfield Town Library,
 Montgomery Free Library,
 Northfield Free Public Library,
 Orange Public Library,
 Peru Free Public Library,
 Poultney Free Public Library,
 Ripton Free Library,
 Rochester Free Public Library,
 Ryegate Free Library,
 Sharon Public Library,
 Shelburne Free Library,
 Sheldon Town Library,
 South Hero Library,
 Stamford Free Public Library,
 Stockbridge Free Public Library,
 Sutton Free Library,
 Vershire Town Library,
 Walden Free Public Library,
 Waterville Town Library,
 Westford Town Library,
 West Windsor Free Public Library,
 Wilmington Free Library,
 Windbam Library,
 Woodbury Town Library,

Post Office.
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1896.

Alburgh Town Library,
 Athens Public Library,
 Cabot Public Library,
 Concord Library,
 Enosburg Town Library,
 Fletcher Public Library,
 Franklin Library,
 Hartland Public Library,
 Newport Town Library,
 Orwell Free Library,
 Pomfret Public Library,
 Randolph Public Library,
 South Royalton,
 Sunderland Town Library,

Residence.
 Residence.
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 Post Office.
 Store.
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Residence.
 Town Hall.

Town Hall.

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| Waitsfield Public Library, | Post Office. |
| Waterford Public Library, | Residence. |
| Westmore Public Library, | Residence. |
| 1897. | |
| Castleton Free Public Library, | Bank Building. |
| Highgate Town Library, | |
| Reading (Felchville), The Davis Library, | Office. |
| Victory Public Library, | |
| Wheelock Public Library, | |
| 1898. | |
| Benson Public Library, | |
| Fairlee Public Library, | Drug Store. |
| Milton Free Library, | Residence. |
| Shoreham Public Library, | |
| Weston Public Library, | Residence. |
| 1899. | |
| Cambridge Town Library, | Block. |
| Essex Public Library, | Block. |
| Fairfax Free Library, | Store. |
| Jericho Town Library, | Residence. |
| Middletown Springs Public Library, | Drug Store. |
| Readsboro Free Library, | Studio. |
| Swanton Free Library, | |
| Townshend Public Library, | Residence. |
| Wardsboro Free Public Library, | Town Hall. |
| Westfield Town Library, | Residence. |
| Westhaven Free Public Library, | Residence. |
| Weybridge Free Public Library, | Town Hall. |
| Whitingham Free Library, | Residence. |
| 1900. | |
| Barnet Public Library, | |
| Braintree Public Library, | Residence. |
| Greensboro Free Library, | |
| Lincoln Free Library, | Room furnished by Ladies' Aid Society. |
| Warren Town Library, | Residence. |
| 1901. | |
| Fairfield Free Library, | Office. |
| New Haven Town Library, | Academy. |
| Salisbury Public Library, | Residence. |
| 1902. | |
| Addison Public Library, | Residence. |
| Bristol Free Library, | Block. |
| Hinesburg Public Library, | Town Hall. |



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1903.

Barnard, Charles B. Danforth Free Public Library, Town Hall.
 Guildhall Free Public Library,
 Pawlet Public Library,
 Underhill Town Library.

1905.

Cornwall Free Library,
 Moretown Town Library,
 Sheffield Free Public Library,
 Vernon Free Public Library,
 Waterbury Town Library,
 West Fairlee Free Public Library,
 Williston Public Library,

Residence.
 Block.
 Residence.
 Residence.
 Bank Block.
 Bean Hall.
 Block.

1906.

Burke.

 LIBRARY NOTES.

Barre.—The trustees of the Aldrich Library in Barre have recently accepted the plans, prepared by Mr. Penn Varney of Lynn, Mass., for the new building to be erected in that city, and the construction of the building will commence immediately. The library will be located at the corner of Washington and Elm Streets. The entrance will be on Washington Street, and the building will be set 75 feet back from the sidewalk, and stand midway between the City Hotel and Elm Street. The estimated cost of the structure is about \$45,000, and when completed will be one of the best library buildings in the State.

Burke.—The town of Burke has had for a long time two active Ladies' Library Associations, and in March, 1906, the town voted an appropriation, and elected trustees for a free town library. Two years previous to this a small library had been given to the town on condition that it meet the requirements and apply for state aid. This has been done and Mrs. L. H. Wells elected librarian.

Cambridge.—The Wilson Memorial Library was opened to the public March 20, 1904. It is free to all, whether residents of the town or not. There is no endowment fund, but the town every year gives \$25 of its \$75 appropriation for libraries, to this library. There are now about \$175 left of the original fund of \$500, and 568 volumes in the library.

In the first 13 months of its existence there were issued 142 cards, and the circulation was 1,783. This is an extremely good showing for the community where there is no village, as this library is located in a part of the town known as North Cambridge, where there are but few houses and one church.

The librarian is A. M. Rice, R. F. D., Jeffersonville.

Castleton.—The Castleton public library has received a bequest of \$500, together with one year's interest on the same, to be known as the Russell M. Wright Memorial Fund. The income is to be used for purchasing books.

Cornwall.—*Cornwall Free Library.*—In March, 1905, the town of Cornwall voted \$25 with which to start a free town library.

The Lane library, consisting of about 1,000 volumes, was given to the town, and with the \$100 worth of books furnished by the State, forms a very good beginning.

Librarian is Frank D. Manchester.

Derby.—The Haskell Free Library and opera house was given to the towns of Derby Line, Vt., and Rock Island, Que., by Mrs. Martha Haskell and her son Colonel H. Stewart Haskell of Derby Line. It is a beautiful building, costing, together with its endowment, about \$100,000.

Its peculiar location, directly on the boundary line between the United States and Canada, so that one-half is a part of the possessions of Uncle Sam, and the other is under the management of King Edward, makes it doubly interesting.

The corner-stone was laid by Golden Rule lodge, F. and A. M., of Stanstead, Que., assisted by prominent Masons from both sides of the line, October 15, 1901. This lodge was established near this site in 1803, at Derby Line, by Judge Timothy Hinman and Major Rufus Stewart, both of whom were great-grandparents of Colonel H. Stewart Haskell, who is himself a prominent Mason.

The building is of granite and buff brick. The first story is of granite above which buff brick with granite trimmings is used. The roof is slate. The central entrance is that of the library, and the other that of the opera house. These are entirely separate, but are both in the United States. The massive and dignified granite entrance to the library leads through the loggia with its mosaic-tiled floor into the entrance hall, which has a heavy oak paneled dado and mosaic floor. At the left of the hall is the general reading room. This is abundantly lighted by seven high windows and ceiling lights in the heavy paneled ceiling. In the tower corner is a comfortable window seat, while the large fireplace occupies another corner. This is provided with reading tables and modern accessories. Across the hall, opposite the general reading room, is the ladies' room, with lavatory, fireplace, and wardrobes, finished beautifully in birdseye maple and delicate tints. The hall ends in the handsome grill work at the entrance to the rotunda. This has a fine domed ceiling, in the center of which the light shines through an opalescent globe. Heavy paneled oak wainscoting, and mosaic floor with a medallion centerpiece containing the monogram S.H. makes this a very imposing room. At the left of the rotunda is the conversation room, separated from the rotunda by a lobby and sliding doors. There business can be transacted privately, committees can meet, etc. This is finished in cherry and has a fireplace, and a bay window commanding a general view. Across the rotunda from the conversation room are the librarian's room and the men's toilet. Back of the rotunda is the stack

room, one and a half stories high, 50x22 feet, finished in white enamel, with a handsome stucco ceiling, windows glazed with cathedral glass, amply lighted and practically fireproof.

Provision will be made for the receipt of 10,000 volumes at once, room being left for this to be largely increased when necessary. The public will have free access to the stack room. It will be lighted at night by pendant lights placed over each stack.

The library, containing about 6,000 volumes was opened under the management of Col. H. S. Haskell, April 1, 1905. Mr. Harold H. Stone is librarian.

Fair Haven.—The library committee decided to purchase the Allonson Allen property as a site for the \$6,000 library donated the town by Andrew Carnegie. The purchase price of the site is \$5,500. Two local parties have donated \$500 each to the new library.

Hardwick.—By the conditions of the will of the late Mrs. Jeudevine of Hardwick, the Hardwick Library is made the residuary legatee of her estate. The legacy, which is estimated at \$10,000 in amount, is to be used as an endowment fund for purchase of books and running expenses. Mrs. Jeudevine built the beautiful stone library building several years ago as a memorial to her husband.

Hartford—Quechee Library.—The village of Quechee in Hartford felt the need of a library and as no suitable building was to be had the band stand was made over and fitted up for the purpose. The young ladies formed a sewing circle, and used the money earned for the expense. Now they are working to raise five thousand dollars for a new building. In this they mean to have a reading room, and all up-to-date conveniences.

In March, 1906, the late J. Walter Parker presented them with \$50 with which to purchase books. They now own 1,168 volumes. This should prove an inspiration to other small villages without library privileges.

Hartford.—White River Junction.—At a meeting of the trustees of the Loyal Club of White River Junction, announcement was made of a gift from Amos Barnes of Boston, of a public library building to be erected on a lot owned by Mr. Barnes in the center of the town just west of the Junction House. The building will be turned over to the trustees of the Loyal Club, through whose earnest efforts a library has been maintained in the town for some time past. The officers of the club are Mrs. Everett J. Wallace, president; Kathleen Starr, secretary, and Mrs. Charles H. Brown, treasurer.

Since the gift was made Mr. Barnes has died. He was formerly for many years a resident of White River Junction. At the time of his death he was president of the Connecticut and Passumpsic River railroad and proprietor of the Brunswick Hotel, Boston. The institution will be known as the "George W. Gates Memorial Library" and is erected in honor of the Gates family, with which Mr. Barnes was connected. It is expected that the building will cost in the vicinity of \$12,000.

Isle La Motte.—Seven ladies of Isle La Motte have formed a corporation which has a charter from the State, and have bought a stone house and a lot which they intend to fit up for a library. The building has to be remodeled and the work is expected to be begun this year. The plans have not been decided upon yet.

Lyndon.—Money was offered the town of Lyndon for a new library building conditional upon the erection of the building within two years and upon its bearing the name of the Cobleigh Public Library from its donor, Mr. Eber Cobleigh, an aged resident of the town who had long contemplated doing something to perpetuate his memory. The offer was accepted and the new building will be ready for occupancy November first.

It is built of brick with cut granite trimmings, plate glass windows and copper roof. It is considered fire-proof; all partition walls are of brick and extend from the floor of the basement to the attic. The finish and floors are of quartered oak except the vestibule and toilet room which are of Swanton marble. The cost of the building and furniture was about \$16,500. The capacity of the stock room is 20,000 volumes.

The library is situated in the center of the village of Lyndonville. The lot, costing \$7,000 was paid for by a subscription of \$5,900 from citizens of Lyndon, and \$1,100 appropriated by the town. The library is not yet endowed, but the town appropriates 5% of its grand list and \$50.00 additional, amounting to \$758, for its support.

The reading room is furnished with periodicals by individual subscriptions amounting to about \$75.00. The Woman's Club are furnishing one room which will be used as a natural history museum. They also contribute an exhibit of mounted birds. The librarian is Mrs. H. Duston.

Middlebury.—"The Sheldon Art Museum is one of the popular institutions of Middlebury. Although it is a private enterprise belonging to Mr. Henry L. Sheldon, it is free to the public and contains a great many articles of interest. During the year Mr. Sheldon has added largely to the library. One hundred and fifteen volumes have been bound, comprising newspapers and pamphlets that had been accumulating for years. The reports of Masonic meetings are complete since 1790; Congregational minutes from 1803; Episcopal almanac from the first number in 1830, except two years; complete catalogues of Middlebury college and many early Vermont publications. Mr. Sheldon has rendered his building nearly fireproof, so that these relics bid fair to be handed down to future generations."

Moretown.—*Town Library*—The town of Moretown voted \$25.00 for the establishment of a free town library in March, 1905, and State aid and was asked and given. Miss Florence Haylett, librarian.

Northfield.—The dedication of the Brown library took place August 21st at two o'clock in the afternoon in the Methodist Church. The building which has been erected at a cost of between \$20,000 and \$25,000 was the gift of George W. Brown of Boston, treasurer and general manager of the United Shoe and Machinery company. The event had been looked forward to by the townspeople with great interest and appreciation and



INTERIOR OF PLATT MEMORIAL LIBRARY, SHOREHAM.

long before the exercises began the church was filled. All the business houses in the town were closed from two to four.

The exercises were opened by a brief address by the presiding officer, Capt. John L. Moseley, followed by prayer by the Rev. Walter Dole. The historical address was delivered by C. A. Edgerton. The address was to have been delivered by Hon. George Nichols, ex-secretary of State, but he was ill. The presentation speech was made by the donor in person, which was very pleasing. He gave a history of the Brown family and their relations with Northfield since the town was first settled. His grandfather was the first settler in the Center village, where the first library was established in 1825. The speech of acceptance in behalf of the town was made by the Hon. Frank Plumley, followed by the dedicatory address by the Rev. William S. Hazen, D. D., of Beverly, Mass., who was for over 40 years pastor of the Congregational church here. After the exercises the library building was thrown open to the public until four o'clock.

The building is of brick with granite trimmings and steps, 48 feet long, 28 feet wide, with an ell 20x20, and 1½ stories in height. On the first floor are the reading, historical, delivery and stock rooms, which are handsomely finished in cypress. The basement is fitted with the most modern plumbing and one room has been left which it is expected that the ladies will finish for a club room.

Northfield.—*Norwich University Library.*—This library numbers 11,122 volumes and in addition about 20,000 pamphlets. During the last year 2,100 volumes and several thousand pamphlets have been added. It has recently received a valuable general library from Mayor Henry E. Alvord, class of '63, which numbers about 1,500 volumes, and is very rich along historical, literary and military subjects. Professor Adrian Scott, class of '74, has presented a fine library on the Germanic languages, which numbers about 1,000 volumes, and is a very valuable gift. There are about 150 periodicals in the reading room. These periodicals are bound as soon as volumes are completed.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has given \$50,000 for a library building which is now in process of erection. It will be four stories in height, 65 ft. wide and 70 ft. long. The two lower or basement floors will be used for library purposes entirely. It will be made out of cement, blocks and steel, so the building will be practically fireproof. There will be no attempt made at ornamentation. The building is of simple, yet effective design, and will be one of the best buildings in the State. The library design is somewhat similar to the Carnegie Library building at Burlington.

On the right hand side as you enter the building will be the reading room, about 25x30 feet. On the left hand side is the librarian's office, and opening out, next to the stack room is the work room, a room about 15x25 feet. The stack room runs the entire length of the building along the back side, and will be about 28 feet wide by 70 feet long and 22 feet high, making ample room for a three-story stack. It is estimated that the stack room will accommodate about 60,000 volumes.

On the second floor on the right hand side will be the historical room. On the left hand side of the hallway will be a long scientific reading room about 25x30 feet, and directly over the delivery room will be a large room which is intended for an art gallery. In the sub-basement or first floor of the building is the receiving room. This room will be about 15 feet wide and 20 feet long. It is designed to unpack boxes here and then take the books into the library by means of an elevator.

It was expected that the building would be completed in the summer of 1906, but owing to delays it will probably not be ready for use till the spring of 1907. William A. Ellis, librarian.

Pittsford.—The annual meeting of the library association of Pittsford and the tenth anniversary of the occupancy of the Walker Memorial Library building was celebrated at Pittsford, Dec. 6, 1905. At two o'clock in the afternoon the library association held its annual meeting, the usual reports of the year's work were read and then a summary of the past ten years. At three the building was thrown open to the public for a reception. Beside the townspeople, the librarians, assistants and trustees of the Rutland, Proctor and Brandon libraries had been invited.

The room opposite the reading room had been remodeled and turned into a tea room. The reception committee and ladies who served tea were chosen from among the readers of the library and afternoon tea was served in a delightful and informal manner. Attractive bulletins were placed in conspicuous places—a bulletin on Forestry with a set of books on that topic was loaned from the Albany Library School for the occasion. Collections of photographs and rare books were on exhibition. One book—an exposition on the epistle to the Hebrews, printed in London in 1685, attracted a great deal of attention. It was once the property of Jonathan Edwards and contained his autograph. Mrs. Anna S. Loveland, who presented the book to the library, had refused an offer of \$200 for it.

In the evening Mr. John Cotton Dana, librarian of the Public Library, Newark, N. J., delivered an inspiring and helpful address at the town hall on "Making a Library Useful."

Pomfret.—The handsome new library building at South Pomfret presented to the town by Judge Ira A. Abbott, now associate judge of the supreme court of New Mexico, was recently dedicated in the presence of a large number of townspeople and visitors. The forenoon was occupied in an Old Home day celebration, with music and much story telling and reminiscences by former residents of the place. Mr. Fred L. Davis presided at the dedication exercises, which took place on the lawn opposite the library, and, after music, prayer, and reading of the original tender of the library to the town, introduced Judge Abbott as a former resident, who in his presentation speech, eloquently outlined the purpose of this memorial to his parents. His primary object was to do something for the benefit of present and future inhabitants of Pomfret. The existence of a good library should serve to strengthen the attachment of young and old to the town.

Among other speakers were General Rush C. Hawkins, who spoke at some length on the subject of libraries and the benefit and inspiration

derived therefrom; Duane J. Carnes of Sycamore, Ill., the boyhood friend of Judge Abbott, Homer W. Vail of Randolph, John A. Chedel of Stockbridge and Dana Hugbee also made impromptu remarks.

The trustees of the library are Judge Charles H. Maxham, Elbridge Perry, Allen W. Thompson, Estella G. Perkins, F. L. Davis, Annie L. Sherman, Walter H. Harrington, Henry Brockway and W. Harold Seaver. The library building is 45 feet long, 27 feet wide and built of red brick with cobble foundation from the ground to the window sills. Four handsome granite columns stand at the entrance and the interior is finished in Michigan birch. The building was erected at a cost of about \$12,000.

Proctor.—Early in May, 1906, Proctor Library celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday. In the afternoon Miss Sarah C. Bryant of Boston entertained the children by story telling. In the evening an historical address was given by Hon. Fletcher D. Proctor, and Rev. G. W. C. Hill told of the future plans of the institution. The library was housed at first in the old office of the Vermont Marble Company, and consisted of a few second-hand books and several periodicals. The room was open evenings and generally 25 or 30 men assembled there. In the early days Senator Proctor gave to the library each year a sum equal to the amount the library itself raised.

In 1891 the library was moved to its present beautiful quarters. A museum is connected with the library and contains a large collection of Indian curios, relics from the Samoan Islands, rare trophies from the Philippines and a fine lot of coral shells. In 1904 the library was made free. The appropriation received from the town in 1905 was \$289.72. The library now contains 5500 books and has 14 periodicals on file.

Rockingham.—*Bellows Falls.*—After two years of fighting Bellows Falls voted at a special town meeting held May 15th to accept the Carnegie offer of \$15,000 for a new library building. Three thousand dollars was appropriated for a site and \$2000 additional raised by subscription. On June 3rd another special meeting was held and the vote accepting the gift was rescinded. A serious legal complication arises, as the committee had purchased a site and hold a deed for the same. They had received notice from Mr. Carnegie's secretary that the money for the building was ready for them.

Rutland.—*House of Correction.*—"We have a small library of about 500 volumes composed mostly of books donated by public libraries in the State, which were so badly worn as to be of no further use to them, but when repaired answer our purpose very well. We have been thinking of arranging our books in order so the prisoners could have more use of them than they do at present. All the inmates who can read and care to, have from about 6 o'clock P. M. until 8.30 P. M., and if they wish can also read in the morning until 6.30."

Here is an opportunity for someone—either individuals or libraries—to do some good. Confined in this place are many who are young and perhaps not yet hardened in crime. Give them old and worn, but good

books if we have nothing else, but who can estimate what some new and attractive good books might accomplish?

Ryegate.—Our library is known as the Whitehill Library Association, named for the founder, Mr. N. J. Whitehill, who gave us something like 100 books in 1901.

The people, who lived in what used to be the district, under the old school system, then formed an association, elected officers and made by-laws. It is one of the by-laws of the association that the library shall be moved every year, so that all parts of the district shall receive equal benefit—the librarian, of course, changes with the library. Last year it was at the home of Mr. James E. Crown; this year with Mrs. H. E. Farrow. We raise money by socials, entertainments and so on—have now 252 books and \$20.00 in the treasury. We have a ten section Wernicke book case, organ, dishes, etc.

We are in the northwest corner of the town of Ryegate, so that none of us can receive benefit from the free library in town. Our books are lent free to members of the association and to people outside, who in the judgment of the librarian, will take proper care of a book. Mrs. H. E. Farrow, librarian.

Sheffield.—*Free Public Library.*—In March, 1905, Sheffield appropriated \$15.00 for the establishment of a town library, and State aid was furnished. Mrs. J. H. Nelson was appointed librarian and the library is kept in her house free of charge.

Shoreham.—"Platt Memorial Library" is located in the village of Shoreham. The building was given to the town by Mrs. Mary Mixer Platt, in memory of her husband, Dr. William N. Platt. The building is of brick on a rock-faced marble foundation, finished in oak, and cost about \$5,000.00. It is of simple yet classic design, and bears over the pillared portico in metallic letters the inscription, "A. D. 1906, Platt Memorial Library."

The main room of the library is very light, with windows to the north, south and west, which makes a pleasant, cheery room, with shelves on the walls to accommodate several thousand books, while a small room at the left of the entrance, with shelves for periodicals and books of reference, will serve as a reading room, and a smaller one as a business office, from which stairs lead to the furnace cellar. The furniture is of weathered oak.

There are about twelve hundred (1200) volumes on the shelves, with \$150.00 in the treasury with which to purchase books. The building was very fittingly dedicated September 10th with an address on "Reading" by Prof. Brainard Kellogg, of the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn. Mr. Goddard, chairman of the Board of Library Commissioners, made a few appropriate remarks, and an informal reception was held at the library. Florence Howard Witherell, librarian.

Vernon.—Two years ago a biennial report of the State library commission was sent me. I read it very carefully and was much interested. I also received a letter from the secretary of the library commission telling



WEST FAIRLEE TOWN LIBRARY.



WILLISTON TOWN LIBRARY.

about the matter, and it seemed to me we might start a library. I immediately began to tell the influential people of the town about it, and sent the report for them to examine. I also asked the town committee to insert (in the warning for town meeting) an article, asking the town to choose five trustees for a library and vote to raise the necessary funds for same. At the regular March meeting the town voted to raise the required amount (\$25), and through some mistake chose only three trustees. But we were not discouraged, and on finding that it was necessary to have five trustees a special town meeting was called to elect two more trustees. The meeting was duly held and five trustees elected. This was in April, 1905, and in September, 1905, we received from the State \$100 worth of books. This was our first start for a library. Since then many books have been given from townspeople, making 165 volumes now in the library. We have purchased the "New Twentieth Century Encyclopedia" of ten volumes, and received as a gift from Brattleboro Free Library two volumes "Lippincott's Pronouncing Gazetteer of the World." We now have about \$20 to purchase new books, and feel that in a few years "Vernon Free Library" will mean something more than one case full of books. Mrs. E. H. Akley, librarian.

Waterbury.—"The people of this village, especially those who are interested in the Waterbury Public Library Association, were made very happy recently when the will of Mrs. Horace Fales was made public. Under the residuary clause of the will is created a trust fund, which fund will amount in the vicinity of \$10,000 for the benefit of Waterbury Public Library Association, being a permanent trust fund, the annual income of which will amount to about \$500, and the Association is to receive this amount yearly as long as time shall last.

The reason given by Mrs. Fales in her will for making the bequest is as follows:

'I make the foregoing provision for the aiding in the maintenance of a public library in the village of Waterbury in loving remembrance of my deceased husband, who had a home there during the major portion of his business life, and whose intimate social and professional relations with its people produced an interest in and affection for the place which was as long as his life and which it is my wish to commemorate. I therefore request that the fund set apart as aforesaid be known and called the "Horace Fales Fund."

In the spring of 1905 the town of Waterbury appropriated \$100 for the foundation of a town library, and received \$100 worth of books from the State. In 1906 their appropriation was increased to \$375, and it was hoped that the books of the Association and those of the town could be merged into one library. Now that the Association has an endowment the solution remains to be seen.

West Fairlee.—Town Library.—In the year 1905, it was voted by the town of West Fairlee that a certain amount of money should be given for the support of a free public library. If this was agreed to, there were several donations to be given. A sum of \$25 was raised, and application for State aid was made and received.

The library is situated in a small room, on the first floor of the town hall. There are over four hundred books, mostly fiction, with some biography, history, travel, and children's books of different descriptions. We also have magazines. Maude A. Bliss, librarian.

Williston.—*Free Library.*—Twenty-five dollars was voted by Williston in 1905 for the establishment of a free town library. State aid was given and the library began in rooms leased by the society of King's Daughters, in the brick building in the center of the village, near the academy and church. At first five ladies took care of the library alternately, and without compensation, but recently Mrs. H. O. Whitney has been appointed librarian, and serves without pay.

Wilmington.—The old River street school house in Wilmington has been moved to a new location and the building of the Pettie Memorial Free Library is nearly completed. The building will be a handsome piece of architecture and one that Wilmington will be proud of, cost about \$5,000.00. The material is red and buff brick with granite trimmings and the style modern academic American with a handsome colonial entrance. In form the building is a parallelogram, 43 feet in length and standing the long way on the street, with a wing 20 by 15 feet, extending back from the center. Mr. Lyman Pettie, the donor of the building, is a native of Wilmington and the son of the late Dr. Pettie of that place.

For several years a small library has been maintained at Wilmington, having been started with State aid, but has suffered from lack of accommodation and the new building will be much appreciated.

Windsor.—*State Prison.*—At this institution there are about 500 books in a library for the prisoners. Most of these are worn and falling to pieces, and have been read and re-read by the inmates.

To help out their urgent need, a traveling library was sent to them at Thanksgiving, 1905, and was received with much interest and rejoicing at chapel time.

While the Chaplain has general oversight, the books are cared for by one of the prisoners, a former schoolmaster, and are read eagerly by many who had asked for them and expressed their desire to take the best of care of them, and their gratitude for the privilege.

The list of books that was asked for to make up their traveling library would put to shame many lists made out by some other patrons of libraries. History, travel and good biographies predominated, literature, science and sociology were represented, while the fiction was mostly standard. Books by Van Dyke and Hillis were asked for, and Victor Hugo, Riis and Booker T. Washington much in demand.

Some attractive nature books were sent, and some cheerful simple stories. The circulation the past year has reached well up into the thousands.

Libraries that have books they would like to dispose of, are asked to remember that here are 200 people that need reading and help. The Chaplain who has charge of the books is Rev. William H. Hayes.

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HOW A TOWN MAY ESTABLISH A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

If any town wishes to take advantage of the act which will be found printed on a following page in this report the following articles should be inserted in the warning for the coming town meeting.

1. To see if the town will elect a board of library trustees and instruct such board to make an application to the State Board of Library Commissioners under Sec. 878 and 879, Vermont Statutes.

2. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the maintenance of a free public library.

The Commissioners suggest that the board of library trustees be elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 890 and be, as therein set forth, five in number and elected when first chosen, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years.

Upon application to the Library Commissioners a blank will be furnished entitled "Application of the Board of Library Trustees" to which should be attached the blank filled out by the town clerk.

These blanks are as follows:

That at said March meeting the town voted to instruct such board to make application to the State Board of Library Commissioners as provided by Sec. 879, Vermont Statutes.

That at said meeting the town further voted an appropriation for the maintenance of its free public library in the sum of..... dollars; and that the grand list of said town when said vote was taken was.....

I further certify that the town of..... has no free public library owned or controlled thereby, and that the action hereinbefore set forth was taken pursuant to the following articles inserted in the warning for said town meeting:

Town Clerk of....., Vermont.

The Commissioners will then send the trustees the following blank to be filled out and returned to them

No. 3.

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

To the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees :

....., Vermont.

DEAR SIR:

Section 879, Vermont Statutes reads in part as follows:

"No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has elected a board of library trustees and until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the State Board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act."

While it is the duty of the State Board to eventually decide upon the books to be furnished each town, they would nevertheless be pleased to receive voluntary suggestions from the trustees in each town as to the character of books preferred, or even to receive lists of books considered desirable if any trustees wish to submit them. Since, however, the responsibility for the selection to be made rests upon the State Board alone they cannot promise to follow suggestions made by trustees further than their judgment approves.

In view of the obligation resting upon the Board of Library Commissioners, as provided by Sec. 879, Vermont Statutes, you are requested to make answer to the following questions:

1. What provision has been made for a library room and where is it located?

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2. Who is to be the librarian, if determined, and what, if any, compensation is to be paid?

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3. What days and hours is the library to be kept open for the loan and return of books?

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4. Are any books already available or soon to be turned over to the town as a part of the free public library? If so, please furnish the secretary of the State Board with a complete list of such books, that they may not be duplicated.

5. Is there any library already established in the town? If so, please state the approximate number of books in it, its condition, and in a general way the terms upon which books are loaned.

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6. By what name is your library to be known?

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Signed by

LAWS OF VERMONT RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

APPOINTMENT.

SEC. 875. The governor shall appoint five persons, resident of the state, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof. One member of said board shall be appointed for the term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and thereafter the term of office of the commissioners shall be five years. All vacancies on said board, whether occurring by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled by the governor.

COMMISSION TO GIVE ADVICE.

SEC. 876. Vermont Statutes as amended by Acts 1898, No 138, §13. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection of books, the cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library; and the board shall give such advice in regard to said matters as it shall find practicable. The board shall make a report of its doings biennially to the general assembly at the expense of the state, and this expense shall not be considered a part of the expense provided for in section 881, Vermont Statutes.

STATE AID.

SEC. 877. Said board shall expend, upon the application of the board of library trustees of any town having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for any such town entitled to the benefits of this section; such books shall be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and said commissioners shall select and purchase all books so provided.

APPROPRIATIONS BY TOWNS.

SEC. 878. Vermont Statutes as amended by Acts 1902, No. 32 §1. Any town which has voted to instruct its library trustees to make an application to the state board of library commissioners under the preceding section shall annually appropriate for the maintenance of its free public library a sum not less than fifty dollars, if

its grand list is ten thousand dollars or upward, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars, if its grand list is less than ten thousand dollars and not less than twenty-five hundred dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars, if its grand list is less than twenty-five hundred dollars. The selectmen of such town shall annually, in the month of September, draw an order on the treasurer of the town, payable to the trustees of the library, for the amount of such appropriation without any vote of the town authorizing them to do so and without any vote of the town voting to raise such sum.

TRUSTEES.

SEC. 879. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of the two preceding sections until such town has elected a board of library trustees and voted to instruct such board to make an application to the state board of library commissioners, and until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the state board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this chapter. The provisions of sections eight hundred and eighty-nine, eight hundred and ninety, and eight hundred and ninety-one [§§ 889, 890, 891] shall apply to the election of boards of library trustees under this section and to said trustees when so elected.

TOWNS ACCEPTING CONDITIONS TO RECEIVE BENEFITS.

SEC. 880. Whenever any town shall have accepted the conditions prescribed by the preceding sections of this chapter the state board of library commissioners shall so certify to the state auditor and he shall draw an order upon the treasurer payable to said commissioners for one hundred dollars to be expended in the purchase of books as provided in this chapter.

COMPENSATION AND EXPENDITURES OF COMMISSION.

SEC. 881 Vermont Statutes as amended by Acts 1904, No. 54 §1. No member of the state board of library commissioners, unless he be its secretary, shall receive any compensation, but the board may expend not exceeding fourteen hundred dollars annually for necessary expenses in the discharge of its duties, including all expenses for the transportation of books, not more than five hundred dollars of which sum may be used for the employment and expenses of a secretary whom they shall select and who may be of



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TOWN AND VILLAGE LIBRARIES.

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APPROPRIATIONS BY TOWNS.

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SELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

which has established, or shall hereafter may elect at its annual meeting a board

their own number; and all sums lawfully expended by said board under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid from the state treasury.

BOARD TO MAKE RULES.

SEC. 882. The state board of library commissioners shall have the power to make such rules for their own government, and for the care of the libraries which may be furnished by the state, as they may deem expedient, and not inconsistent with the laws of this state.

INCORPORATION OF LIBRARIES.

SEC. 883. Whenever property, real or personal, has heretofore or shall hereafter be devised or bequeathed by last will and testament, or granted, conveyed or donated by deed or other instrument, to trustees to be applied by them to the foundation and establishment in any of the cities, villages and towns of this state of a free public library, it shall be lawful, when not otherwise provided in said will or other instrument of gift, for the acting trustees in any such case, in order to promote the better establishment, maintenance and management of such library, to cause to be formed a corporation under the provisions of the three following sections, with the rights, powers and privileges hereinafter provided.

SEC. 884. Such acting trustees may make, sign and acknowledge before any officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds in this state, and file in the office of the secretary of state, a statement in writing, in which shall be set forth the intent of such trustees to form a corporation under this chapter; a copy of the will or other instrument by which endowment of said library has been provided; the name adopted for the proposed corporation (which shall not be the name of any other corporation already existing); the city, village or town in which the library, and the principal place of business of the corporation will be located; the number of managers who may be denominated trustees, managers or directors of the corporation; and the names of the trustees, managers or directors who are to constitute the original board of such officers, and who shall hold until their successors respectively are elected and qualified, as in this chapter provided.

SEC. 885. Upon the filing in his office of such statement as aforesaid the secretary of state shall issue to the incorporators, under his hand and the seal of state a certificate, of which the

aforesaid statement shall be a part, declaring that the organization of the corporation is perfected. The incorporators shall thereupon cause such certificate to be recorded in a proper record book for the purpose in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the said library is to be located; and thereupon the corporation shall be deemed fully organized and may proceed to carry out its corporate purposes, and may receive by conveyance, from the trustees under said will, deed or other instrument of donation, the property provided by will or otherwise as aforesaid for the endowment of said library and may hold the same in whatever form it may have been received or conveyed by said trustees until such form shall be changed by the action of the said corporation.

SEC. 886. Organizations formed under the two preceding sections shall be bodies corporate and politic to be known under the names stated in the respective certificates or articles of incorporation; and by such corporate names they shall have and possess the ordinary rights and incidents of corporations, and shall be capable of taking, holding and disposing of real and personal estate for all purposes of their organization. The provisions of any will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is given to said library and accepted by said trustees, managers or directors shall, as to such endowment, be a part of the organic and fundamental law of such corporation.

The trustees, managers or directors of any such corporation shall compose its members, and shall not be less than five nor more than nine in number; shall elect the officers of the corporation from their number; and shall have control and management of its affairs and property; may accept donations, and in their discretion hold the same in the form in which they are given, for all purposes of science, literature and art germane to the object and purpose of said corporation. They may fill by election, subject to the approval of the chief justice for the time being, of the supreme court of Vermont, vacancies occurring in their own number by death, incapacity, retirement or otherwise, and may make lawful by-laws for the management of the corporation and of the library, which by-laws shall set forth what officers there shall be of the corporation, and shall define and prescribe their respective duties. They may appoint and employ from time to time such agents and employes as they may deem necessary for the efficient administration and conduct of the library and other affairs of the corporation. Whenever any

trustee, manager or director shall be elected to fill any vacancy, a certificate under the seal of the corporation, giving the name of the person elected, shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk where the articles of incorporation are recorded.

Whenever, by the provisions of such will, deed or other instrument by which endowment is created, the institution endowed is declared to be and is free and public, the library and other property of such corporation shall be forever exempt from taxation.

The trustees, managers or directors of such corporation shall, in the month of January in each year, cause to be made a report to the governor of the state, for the year ending on the 31st day of December, preceding, of the condition of the library and of the funds and other property of the corporation showing the assets and investments of such corporation in detail.

TOWN AND VILLAGE LIBRARIES.

SEC. 887. Vermont Statutes as amended by Acts 1898, No 34, §1. Towns and cities may establish and maintain public libraries therein, with or without branches, for the use of the inhabitants thereof. Any town or city may annually contract with any library or library association incorporated under the general law or by special charter to furnish books to its inhabitants free, and may appropriate money therefor; and any town or city may annually appropriate money for the maintenance, care, increase and support of any library held in trust for said town or city or the inhabitants thereof.

APPROPRIATIONS BY TOWNS.

SEC. 888. Towns, cities and incorporated villages may appropriate for suitable buildings or rooms, and for the foundation of such library, a sum not exceeding three dollars for each of the ratable polls in such town, city, or incorporated village in the preceding year; and may also appropriate annually for the maintenance, care, and increase thereof, such sum of money as said town, city, or incorporated village may vote at its annual meeting; and may receive, hold and manage any devise, bequest or gift for a public library.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

SEC. 889. A town which has established, or shall hereafter establish a public library, may elect at its annual meeting a board

of five trustees, who shall have full power to manage such public library, and to receive, control, and manage any property which shall come into the hands of said town by gift, purchase, or bequest, for the use and benefit of such library.

SEC. 890. At the meeting when these trustees are first chosen, they shall be elected for the following terms: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, or until their respective successors are chosen. Their successors shall be elected for the term of five years, but a person chosen to fill a vacancy caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall serve only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

SEC. 891. The trustees shall make a report to the annual town meeting of the condition of the library and of the management and expenditures of such moneys as have come into their hands.

SEC. 892. Moneys raised for a library shall be paid out by an agent to be appointed by the selectmen, except in towns electing library trustees.

SEC. 893. Any two library associations in the same town, formed under the general law or a special act, may, by a majority vote of the stock of each of said associations at meetings thereof warned for that purpose, unite with each other and assume the corporate name of either of said associations.

LIBRARIES ENTITLED TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.

SEC. 894. When a town has established a public library, said town may at any annual meeting vote to place in such library a copy of such documents and volumes heretofore received by said town for it or its town clerk's office, as it shall designate, and also a copy of such documents and volumes hereafter to be received from the state, except the Vermont reports and other books and documents provided by law to be kept in the town clerk's office, as it shall designate; the ownership of such books to continue in the town but their use to be enjoyed by the library till said town shall otherwise vote.

SEC. 895. The state librarian is directed to deliver to any town public library that shall have been voted by its town the use of books owned as above by the town, such duplicate documents and volumes published or provided by the state, as can in the judgment of the trustees of the state library be delivered without



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prejudice to the state library. Said books to be delivered on application stating what books have already been received from the town, and the property in said books to remain in the state but their use to be in the public library to which they shall be delivered until the state librarian shall be directed by law to demand their return to the state library.

SEC. 896. When a public library exists in a town and is not established by it, said town may at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote make the provisions named in the second preceding section in respect to use by the library of books therein named owned by the town; and in case of such vote the provisions of the preceding section shall apply to such library the same as if it were established and maintained by the town.

SEC. 897. The clerk of each town, village and city in this state shall each year supply any library in the town or city in which he lives with two copies of the annual reports (if printed) of his town, village or city; and shall also send to the state library for its use two copies of the same. Said copies shall be so delivered by the clerk within two weeks after receipt of such printed reports by him. And officers making such printed reports are hereby directed to supply the town, village or city clerk with the four copies necessary for him to comply with the provisions of this section.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN VILLAGES.

SEC. 3138. Villages shall have the same power as towns, to establish and maintain public libraries for the use of the inhabitants therein.

JAIL LIBRARIES.

SEC. 5301. Jailers shall receive books given by Christian churches and benevolent individuals in their respective counties, for a library for persons confined in jail. The jailers shall enter the names of the donors in a book of record, with the titles of the books, which shall be opened to the inspection of all persons. The jailer shall be librarian and shall keep safely the books in the library and distribute them to persons confined in jail, and exchange the same from time to time. But he shall not deliver books to a person who in his opinion will destroy or misuse them.

EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION.

SEC. 362, subdivision VII as amended by Acts 1898, No. 13, §1. Real and personal estate granted, sequestered, or used for public, pious or charitable uses; real and personal estate used for the purposes of a public or private circulating library open to the public and not used for profit; lands leased by towns for educational purposes, and lands owned or leased by colleges, academies, or other public schools, or leased for the support of the gospel; but private buildings on such lands, and farms owned or used by towns in the support of the poor, shall be set in the list to the owners thereof, and shall not be exempt.

WOMEN AS TRUSTEES.

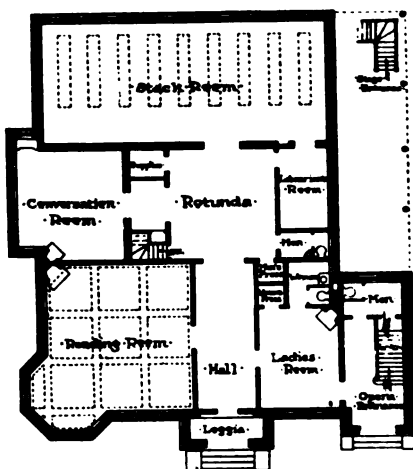
SEC. 2982. Vermont Statutes as amended by Acts 1900 No. 44. Women twenty-one years of age may be elected or appointed to the office of town clerk, superintendent of schools, or trustee of public libraries, if they have resided in such town one year next preceding such election or appointment.

Approved November 21, 1900.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES, ACTS OF 1900.**NO. 32.—AN ACT IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 48 OF THE VERMONT STATUTES, PROVIDING FOR TRAVELING LIBRARIES.**

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

SECTION 1. The board of library commissioners may expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars annually in the purchase of books for traveling libraries and in their necessary equipment, and may also expend a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars annually for clerical labor in cataloguing and preparing these books for circulation and for other necessary work in connection therewith. All sums lawfully expended under this act shall be certified by the president of said board of commissioners to the State Auditor, who shall draw orders on the State Treasurer for the payment of the same.



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SEC. 2. Said Board of Library Commissioners shall have the full management and control of said libraries at all times, and shall make such rules and regulations for the use and government of the same as they may deem necessary.

SEC. 3. Any three or more citizens may organize a library association, and on compliance with the rules, regulations and requirements of the Commissioners shall, in the discretion of the Commissioners, be entitled to the use of traveling libraries, without charge further than all expenses of transportation of said libraries. Any local library, literary or other club, agricultural or other society, grange, college, seminary, university extension center, study circle or other association, on the same terms and in the discretion of the Commissioners, shall have the use of said traveling libraries.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved November 22, 1900.

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Interior of Jaquith Public Library, Marshfield.
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Interior of Band Stand Public Library, Quechee.
Pettee Memorial Library, Wilmington.
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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

The Board of Library Commissioners herewith submits its seventh Biennial Report for the term ending June 30, 1908.

The past two years have been marked by steady, constant growth of public interest in the work of the Free Public Library. Your commission has aimed to bring the value and benefit of the Free Library System to the state at large, but in particular to the smaller communities and thinly settled sections of the state.

While it is impossible to measure the value of the work, the progress of culture and intelligence by the standard of dollars and cents or by statistics of any kind, it is worthy of note that, while in 1894, (when this commission was established), there were forty-nine, now there are two hundred and five libraries in Vermont; that the library buildings then were few and far between, and now there are sixty-seven.

Through public enterprise or private benevolence, the cities and larger towns are now fairly well equipped with libraries, which are doing good work in their several fields; but it is a somewhat difficult task to inaugurate a practical and serviceable library system in the smaller towns, because of their slender financial resources, and because they are naturally conservative and economical in their expenses.

It has seemed to the commission very important to maintain and elevate the intellectual standard of our rural school districts and communities. The most feasible method to this end is to place within the reach of each pupil in the public schools, the books best suited to his need. The traveling libraries, established and circulated by the commission, and the branch libraries, maintained by the larger public libraries, have accomplished much good in this direction.

To illustrate: The Abbott Memorial Library, at Pomfret, has come into effective co-operation with each school in that town, and presents an example of the advantage of such a library and of the aims of the commission. In Isle La Motte, Charlotte, and White River Junction, the local libraries have been genuine public benefits through the enterprise of a few public-spirited ladies, and have done efficient work in the sense above referred to.

There are many others in the state that are quietly but effectively promoting the welfare of Vermont.



S. L. GRIFFITH MEMORIAL LIBRARY, DANBY

A most important part of the state's citizenship is deprived of proper access to the library if no provision is made for Sunday opening. The man confined to his labor every day but Sunday should be able on that day to take his share of the public benefit provided by the state. This has been recognized of late by the librarians, and Montpelier, Burlington, Brattleboro and St. Albans provide such opportunities.

In its endeavor to reach the scholars in the public schools, the commission has received assistance from Hon. Mason S. Stone, Superintendent of Education. We have found that the system of district supervision is a good method of reaching the smaller schools, and that the school supervisors are very helpful and energetic in their appreciation of this work.

The board held a meeting at Brandon in April, 1908, which was attended by representatives of each college and normal school



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in the state, by Governor Proctor, Mr. Stone, and several of the district supervisors. The work done and discussions held were of such a helpful nature that it was deemed advisable by the board to have regular meetings of this kind held quarterly through the different sections of the state, in order to develop an efficient co-operation between the school department and the library commission.

One object of such meetings is to assist the local librarians to realize the responsibility of their position, and the opportunities they have for work outside of the village where their library is situated. Wherever branch or traveling libraries have been placed in the schoolhouses or little hamlets, marked interest and good results have always ensued.

From June 29th to July 3rd, 1908, the commission held a librarian's institute at Burlington for the purpose of assisting the librarians through the state by giving practical and technical instruction in the use and management of libraries. Miss Harriet R. Peck, of Gloversville, N. Y., instructor in the summer session of Simmons College, at Boston, was engaged by the board to give instruction. This was the first institute of its kind in this state, and while modest in comparison with those long established and successful in other states, the result was very gratifying. There was a good attendance, keen interest in the work done, and an enthusiasm developed that means well for the future.



S. L. GRIFFITH MEMORIAL LIBRARY, DANBY—CHILDREN'S ROOM

The commission has tried to co-operate with the Board of Penal Institutions of the state in the hope to improve the conditions in the penal institutions and hospitals. It has been very gratifying to know that the traveling library at the State's Prison at Windsor has been well appreciated, and that its inmates have taken an active and intelligent interest and have called for the best grade of books.

Steps have been taken to make proper use of the state traveling libraries at the House of Correction and in the State Hospital for the Insane. We understand that for many years there has been a library at the Brattleboro Retreat for the Insane, which has been of much benefit and service to that institution and has tended greatly to relieve the condition of the unfortunate inmates.

The commission has found at their disposal a great amount of periodical literature, consisting of unbound volumes of our best monthly magazines. These have accumulated to such a degree as to require distribution without further delay. We trust that some way may be found to make these of real help to the penal and charitable institutions of the state.

The library, of itself, without an efficient librarian is of small account to the public, so the commission has found it most important to get into touch with the several librarians and become familiar with their several local needs and conditions, and finally to render such assistance as each case demands, so far as the same can be given.

This work implies a great deal of travel, correspondence, and personal service. The commission has entrusted a large part of its work to its secretary, who has put herself on familiar terms with many of the librarians, and has made personal visits during the last two years to the following libraries: Rutland, Free and Baxter Libraries, Brandon, Castleton, Free and Normal, Fair Haven, Johnson, Public and Normal, Poultney, Randolph, Hyde Park, Franklin, Enosburg Falls, Jeffersonville, Barre, Brookfield, Thetford, Fairlee, Bradford, Peru, Weston, Sheldon, Manchester, Ludlow, White River Junction, Brattleboro, Guilford, Vernon, Bennington, North Bennington, Bennington Center, Woodford, Proctorsville, Cavendish, Berkshire, Bakersfield, Winooski, St. Albans, Swanton, West Rutland, Post Mills, Pomfret, Woodstock, and Shoreham.

While some libraries have endowments and library appropriations, which ensure fair pay to the librarian, by far the greater number of librarians are now working for very small pay, several for less than twenty dollars per year, and even furnishing room for the books and doing the janitor work without compensation. Under such circumstances, it is natural that the work should seem unimportant and more or less of a drudgery to the librarian. For that reason the commission has found it all the



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more necessary and important to give all the sympathy and encouragement to such librarians that circumstances permit.

One of the most effective ways is by public meetings, where the librarians can be gathered together for mutual help, counsel, and encouragement, and receive advice and instruction as to the performance of their duties. During the past two years, such meetings have been held at Manchester, St. Albans, Brandon, and Burlington, with marked success.

Since the last report libraries have been established with state aid at Bakersfield, Winooski, Thetford, and Brookfield, and assistance in cataloguing has been furnished by the commission for the libraries at Shoreham, Fair Haven, Barre, and Sheldon.

Now that most of the towns in the state have received state aid in establishing libraries, it becomes the duty of the state to so foster, encourage, and supervise these libraries that they may be of the greatest public benefit, and to this end the commission has recommended that they be allowed to furnish a limited amount of assistance each year to towns whose financial condition is such as to require aid in such work. This aid, being within the discretion of the commission, could be safely extended to such towns as are making good use of their library facilities, and would be an encouragement to the better and more extended use of the same.

The commission has continued its publication of the quarterly bulletin for free distribution, and this publication has come to be of great assistance to the librarians throughout the state, and well represents the library interests in Vermont. The commission has also sent out two thousand circular letters to the different towns during the past two years, and has been diligent in supplying the public press with educational matters pertaining to the work of the Public Library.

In order to keep the librarians abreast with the current progress of library affairs, and that the state might have the best services possible, the commission has been more than liberal in providing copies of the American Library Association Book List, and has distributed a large number of copies of the magazine "Public Libraries."

The state and commission suffered a great loss in the death of Hon. William H. DuBois, a member of the commission, who died on May 14, 1907. The only change made in the membership of the commission since the last report has been the appointment of



S. L. CRISPIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY, DANBY—LIBRARIAN'S DESK DECORATED FOR OPENING DAY

March M. Wilson to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. DuBois.

We recognize that there has been a great change and progress throughout the United States in all matters pertaining to libraries, and we have tried, so far as our limited means would allow, to keep our state fully equal to the advance. We have found in the librarians, teachers, and officials of the state a sincere and hearty desire to co-operate and help us in our work, and we are confident that if the progress continues Vermont will have an efficient public library system equal to its needs and of great benefit to the state.

MARCH M. WILSON, *Chairman*.

Randolph, Vt., July 29, 1908.



S. L. GRIFFITH MEMORIAL LIBRARY, DANBY—CURIO CASE IN REFERENCE ROOM

REPORT OF TRAVELING LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

In the year 1900 the legislature of Vermont passed an act which made provision for the purchase and maintenance of a system of Traveling Libraries. This bill had been drawn up and its passage urged by the library committee of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, which had already experimented with Traveling Libraries sufficiently to know that there was a distinct need for them in



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Vermont and that they would be welcome in many places. The federation gave over to the Commission 11 libraries as a nucleus for the work. These libraries were the gifts of various clubs to the cause.

We now report 3000 volumes.

34 regular mixed libraries of from 40 to 50 volumes each.

11 libraries of from 30 to 40 volumes each.

6 school libraries of 30 volumes each.

11 special collections on the following subjects:

India, Scotland, Japan, Washington, Tennyson, Art, Child study, Missions, Famous women, Home economics, Great cities.

The method of procuring a Traveling Library is as follows: Send to the Superintendent of the department or the secretary of the commission for an application blank. This blank when filled out and signed by three citizens states the name of the person who is to act as librarian and have charge of the correspondence regarding the library. It also contains an agreement to return the



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library within six months from its reception, to pay transportation charges and to make good any losses beyond reasonable wear.

The law requires the signatures of but three citizens. But it is always well to have a larger number behind the movement. The very best plan is to form a library association of the most progressive people, men and women, young and old, who shall plan for the reception and care of the library and shall work together to

create as wide an interest in it as possible. This association often makes a center of social life in a small town.

With each library is furnished a sufficient number of annotated lists of the books contained therein for all families in the community. These are designed to arouse interest and aid in making a selection of books desired. The expense of transportation of the books varies with the size of the library and the distance it must go, from fifty cents to a dollar and a half. The express companies make a reduction of half the regular rate on the return.

It is the hope of the Commission that towns to which Traveling Libraries are sent which have no other library privileges may become sufficiently interested to decide to establish a town library with state aid. A considerable number have already done so.

The Traveling Libraries are designed to meet a variety of needs:

1st. That of towns having no libraries.

2nd. That of towns having small libraries which have too few books to meet the demands for them.

3rd. That of towns in which the libraries are not free.

4th. That of larger libraries desiring lists of books on special subjects.

5th. That of study clubs.

6th. That of schools of all grades.

In point of fact the demand has come largely from classes 1, 3 and 5.

We submit the following statistics, sample catalog and sample special list:

Number of stations, 49.

Number added the past two years, 21.

Number of stations dropped the past two years, 16.

Circulation of fiction, 3533.

Circulation of children's books, 4034.

Circulation of non-fiction, 2424. Total, 9991.

Number of general libraries, 45.

Number of school libraries, 6.

Number of special collections, 11.

SUSAN H. SMITH, for Commission.

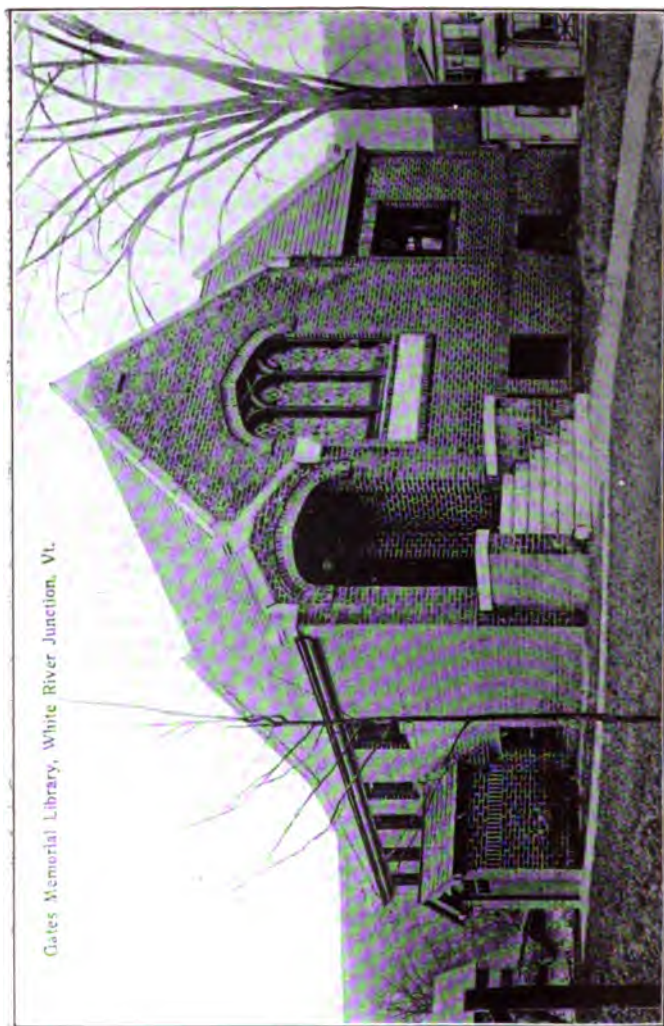
TRAVELING LIBRARY NO. 35.

CATALOG.

- 1 **Abbott, Jacob.** Caroline; Agnes.
Another story from incidents in the lives of the Franconia children.
- 2 **Andrews, Mary Raymond Shipman.** Perfect tribute.
A touching story of the change wrought upon a dying Southern soldier by Lincoln's address at Gettysburg.
- 3 **Barbour, Ralph Henry.** Four afoot.
A vacation tramp through Long Island by four lively lads who have numerous stirring adventures.
- 4 **Blanchan, Neltje** *pseud of Mrs. Nellie Blanchan (DeGraft)* Doubleday. Birds that every child should know.
Entertaining talks concerning our most common species of birds.
- 5 **Brown, Adna.** From Vermont to Damascus.
The experiences of a Vermonter on a journey to the Holy Land.
- 6 **Carpenter, Edmund Janes.** Long ago in Greece.
Twenty classic tales from the ancient story-tellers retold for young people.
- 7 **Churchill, Winston.** Coniston.
The life and love story of a political boss in a New England state.
- 8 **Clopton, Mrs. Virginia (Tunstall) Clay.** Belle of the Fifties.
The life and adventures of a Southern woman, before and during the Civil War.
- 9 **Collins, Wilkie.** Woman in white.
Called one of the best sensational novels written.
- 10 **Collyer, Robert.** Father Taylor.
A short biography of this popular seaman's chaplain.
- 11 **Couch, Arthur Thomas Quiller.** Sir John Constantine.
A tale of adventure connected with the island of Corsica.
- 12 **Deland, Mrs. Margaret Wade (Campbell).** Awakening of Helena Richie.
The story of the transformation wrought in a worldly woman by her love for a little child. Another tale of Old Chester.
- 13 **DeMorgan, William.** Alice-for-short.
A sweet story of the growth to maturity of a child in London. Many are reminded of Dickens in the style of the book.
- 14 **Dodd, Mrs. Helen (Chamberlain).** Healthful farmhouse, by a farmer's wife.
An admirable little book full of practical ideas as to arrangement of rooms and furniture, for convenience, health and enjoyment.
- 15 **Doffed coronet.**
The strange story of the wife of a man engaged on a secret mission, beginning in Egypt and ending in New York.
- 16 **Duncan, Norman.** Adventures of Billy Topsail.
A yarn of a boy's voyage to the north seas.
- 17 **Duncan, Norman.** Cruise of the Shining Light.
Called one of the best recent novels. Has a quaint and delightful touch of humor. Same setting as Dr. Luke of the Labrador.
- 18 **Dutton, Maude Barrows.** Little stories of Germany.
Tales from history for children.
- 19 **Dye, Mrs. Eva Emery.** McDonald of Oregon.
A romance of a historical personage who established a school in Japan, and whose pupils were interpreters for Commodore Perry.

- 20 **Elliot, George, *pseud. of Mrs. Marian (Evans) Lewes Cross.*** Daniel Deronda.
A spirited drama of a gay and accomplished girl and her selfish, despotic husband.
- 21 **Fothergill, Jessie.** First violin.
A novel, whose chief characters are musicians.
- 22 **Green, Olive.** What to have for breakfast.
A great number of tried recipes conveniently classified with 365 appropriate breakfast menus.
- 23 **Hall, Eliza Calvert.** Aunt Jane of Kentucky.
A picture of rural Kentucky life full of humor and pathos. The first chapter has been especially commended by President Roosevelt.
- 24 **Hay, John.** Addresses.
Brilliant and popular, and on a wide variety of topics.
- 25 **Hill, Mrs. Marion.** Pettison Twins.
Humorous account of a mother bringing up her children according to the latest methods.
- 26 **Huntington, Dwight W.** Our big game.
A book for sportsmen and nature lovers. Chapters on deer, bears and other wild animals.
- 27 **Jewett, Sarah Orne.** Country of the pointed firs.
Stories of life and character in a Maine sea-coast village.
- 28 **Kingsley, Mrs. Florence (Morse).** Resurrection of Miss Cynthia.
A little spinster prepares to die, but decides to live first.
- 29 **Lang, Andrew.** Orange fairy book.
Another popular collection of tales for children.
- 30 **Morrison, Harry Steele.** How I worked my way around the world.
The true story of the adventures of a poor but energetic boy.
- 31 **Otis, James, *pseud. of James Otis Kaler.*** Toby Tyler.
Toby runs away and spends ten weeks with a circus.
- 32 **Pfummer, Mary Wright.** Roy and Ray in Mexico.
The twins, going on twelve, travel about Mexico with their parents. The book is a record of an actual journey.
- 33 **Potter, Beatrix.** Tale of Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle.
A little story of Mrs. Hedgehog for children.
- 34 **Rankin, Mrs. Carroll (Watson).** Dandelion Cottage.
The story of four little girls and their real playhouse.
- 35 **Richardson D.** The long day.
The true story of a New York working girl as told by herself.
- 36 **Schultz, James Willard.** My life as an Indian.
The author went to the Blackfoot Country when a young man, and marrying an Indian woman became one of the Piegan Blackfeet.
- 37 **Schupp, Ottokar.** William of Orange.
An account of the struggle of William of Orange against Spain, told with a good deal of spirit, for children.
- 38 **Smith, Gertrude.** Lovable tales of Janey & Josey & Joe.
For very small children.
- 39 **Steiner, Edward A.** On the trail of the immigrant.
Describes the immigrants in their native countries, their journey here, and characteristics on this side. Very interesting and accurate, from personal study of the author.
- 40 **Valle, Mrs. Charlotte Marion (White).** Orcutt girls.
The struggle of two sisters to gain an education.
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Quite as interesting an account of the everyday life of the people as the former numbers of this series.

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- 42 Wells, Carolyn.** Parody anthology.
A collection of poems that will amuse young and old.
- 43 White, Eliza Orne.** Borrowed sister.
Sequel to *An only child*.
- 44 White, Stewart Edward.** Mountains.
The adventures of three men who explore the mountains in California.
- 45 Wiggin, Mrs Kate Douglas.** New chronicles of Rebecca.
More short stories of that popular little girl from Sunnybrook farm.

SPECIAL COLLECTION ON ART.

- BRÉAL, AUGUSTE.** Rembrandt.
- BRINTON, SELWYN.** Correggio.
- COFFIN, C. H.** American masters of sculpture.
" How to study pictures.
- CHESTERTON, G. K.** G. F. Watts.
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- CUST, LIONEL.** Van Dyck
- DOREMUS, S. D.** Great lights in painting and sculpture.
- GOODYEAR, W. H.** Roman and mediæval art.
- HAMLIN, A. D. F.** History of architecture.
- HARTMANN, SADAKICHI.** History of American art.
- HORTON, C. W.** Architecture for general students.
- HOYT, D. L.** World's painters and their pictures.
- HURLL, E. M.** Greek sculpture.
" Madonna in art.
" Murillo.
" Van Dyck.
- KEYSOR, J. E.** Great artists.
- KNACKFUSS, H.** Raphael.
- LUBKE, WILHELM.** History of Art.
- MARQUAND, ALLAN.** History of sculpture.
- MAUCLAIR, CAMILLE.** French impressionists.
- MOORE, T. S.** Correggio.
- PATER, WALTER.** Renaissance.
- REINACH, S.** Story of art throughout the ages.
- SELINCOURT, BASIL DE.** Giotto.
- SMITH, C. S.** Barbizon days.
- STEINMANN, ERNST.** Botticelli.
- STEVENSON, R. A. M.** Velasquez.
- SYMONDS, J. A.** Renaissance in Italy.
- WITT, R. C.** How to look at pictures.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR TRAVELING LIBRARY.

To the Board of Library Commissioners for the State of Vermont :

We, the undersigned, citizens of.....
hereby apply for the loan of a traveling library, as provided by
Sec. 1201.

We name....., whom
we know to be a responsible person, to act for us as secretary, and
to have in charge said library and the correspondence relating
thereto.

We hereby agree to return said traveling library within six
months from its reception, to pay all transportation charges to
and from....., and to make good any losses or
injuries beyond reasonable wear, however accruing, while said
library is in our custody.

.....this.....day
of..... A. D. 190.....

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H. H. BAXTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, RUTLAND

HOW A TOWN MAY ESTABLISH A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Insert in the warning for town meeting the following articles:

1. To see if the town will elect a board of five library trustees and instruct such board to make application to the State Board of Library Commissioners for state aid.

2. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the maintenance of a free public library.

If the grand list of the town is less than \$2500, the sum must not be less than \$15.

If the grand list is more than \$2500, yet less than \$10,000, the sum to be appropriated must be not less than \$25.

If the grand list is \$10,000 or more, the sum to be raised must be not less than \$50. Many towns show their desire for civic improvement by raising much higher sums than the state requires of them.

The state of Vermont recognizes that a Free Public Library is necessary to the education of its children and the development of its people in the same manner as the free school.

A free public library owned and controlled by the town has a fixed income, and is not dependent upon spasmodic attempts to increase its funds. It can be made of practical use in connection with the schools, or in the education of those who have been unable to have a full school course, and a pleasure, profit and aid to the entire community.

In many of our larger towns and cities private enterprises and benevolences have supplied advantages and opportunities which have tempted ambitious and intelligent scholars from towns and homes which could ill afford to spare them. No town in Vermont can afford to have the name of depriving its boys and girls of the culture and inspiration to be found in a free library. No town can afford to be reported to the state and country as too indifferent to co-operate with the state for the benefit of its own children.

The commissioners suggest that the Board of Library Trustees be elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 1214, Statutes of Vermont, and be, as therein set forth, five in number and elected when first chosen, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years.

Upon application to the Library Commissioners a blank will be furnished entitled "Application of the Board of Library Trustees," to which should be attached the blank filled out by the town clerk.

These blanks are as follows:

No. 1.

(Attach to this the certificate of the Town Clerk.)

STATE OF VERMONT.

APPLICATION OF THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES
FOR STATE AID.

.....Vt.,190

To the Board of Library Commissioners :

The Library Trustees of the town of.....
Vermont, elected as specified in the attached certificate of the Town Clerk, hereby make application, under the provisions of Sec. 1195, Public Statutes of Vermont, for the appropriation of \$100 therein made by the State.

.....
Chairman Board of Trustees.

No. 2.

To be attached to the
Application of the Trustees.

STATE OF VERMONT.

CERTIFICATE OF TOWN CLERK.

.....Vt.,190

To the Board of Library Commissioners :

I,.....Town Clerk of.....Vermont,
hereby certify that at the annual town meeting of said town held

on the first Tuesday of March, 190 , the following named persons were elected a board of library trustees for the terms specified:

(Name.)

(Term for which elected.)

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That at said March meeting the town voted to instruct such board to make application to the State Board of Library Commissioners as provided by Sec. 1199, Public Statutes of Vermont.

That at said meeting the town further voted an appropriation for the maintenace of its free public library in the sum of..... dollars; and that the grand list of said town when said vote was taken was.....

I further certify that the town of.....has no free public library owned or controlled thereby, and that the action hereinbefore set forth was taken pursuant to the following articles inserted in the warning for said town meeting:

Town Clerk of.....Vermont.

The Commissioners will then send the trustees the following blank to be filled out and returned to them.



H. H. BAXTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, RUTLAND

STATE OF VERMONT.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION.

To the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees :

....., Vermont.

DEAR SIR :

Section 1199, Public Statutes of Vermont, reads in part as follows:

"No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has elected a board of library trustees and *until such trustees have provided in a manner satisfactory to the State Board for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act.*"

While it is the duty of the State Board to eventually decide upon the books to be furnished each town, they would nevertheless be pleased to receive voluntary suggestions from the trustees in each town as to the character of books preferred, or even to receive lists of books considered desirable, if any trustees wish to submit them. Since, however, the responsibility for the selection to be made rests upon the State Board alone they cannot promise to follow suggestions made by trustees further than their judgment.

In view of the obligation resting upon the Board of Library Commissioners, as provided by Sec. 1199, Public Statutes of Vermont, you are requested to make answer to the following questions:

1. What provision has been made for a library room and where is it located?

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2. Who is to be the librarian, if determined, and what, if any, compensation is to be paid?

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3. What days and hours is the library to be kept open for the loan and return of books?

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4. Are any books already available or soon to be turned over to the town as a part of the free public library? If so, please furnish the secretary of the State Board with a complete list of such books, that they may not be duplicated.

5. Is there any library already established in the town? If so, please state the approximate number of books in it, its condition, and in a general way the terms upon which books are loaned.

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6. By what name is your library to be known?

.....190 .

To be signed by Chairman of Board of Library Trustees.

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ABBOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY, POMFRET

LAWS OF VERMONT RELATING TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

APPOINTMENT. VACANCIES.

SEC 1193. A board of five persons, residents of the state, one of whom shall be appointed annually by the governor and whose term of office shall be five years, shall constitute a state board of library commissioners. The governor shall designate the chairman of and fill all vacancies in said board.

ADVICE GIVEN BY.

SEC. 1194. The librarian or trustees of a free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection and cataloging of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of a library, and said board shall give such advice in regard to such matters as it shall find practicable. Said board shall biennially make a report of its doings to the general assembly, at the expense of the state.

PROVIDE BOOKS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

SEC. 1195. Said board shall, upon the application of the board of library trustees of a town without a free public library owned and controlled by such town, expend a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for such town. Such books shall be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and the state board of library commissioners shall select and purchase books so provided.

COMPENSATION. EXPENDITURES.

SEC. 1196. No member of the state board of library commissioners, except its secretary, shall receive compensation. Said board may expend not exceeding fourteen hundred dollars, annually, for necessary expenses in the discharge of its duties, including expenses for the transportation of books and exclusive of the necessary expense of making its report to the general assembly. Not more than five hundred dollars of the above sum may be used for the employment and expenses of a secretary to be chosen by the board and who may be a member thereof. The auditor of accounts shall draw an order in favor of said board for sums expended by said board under the provisions of this chapter.

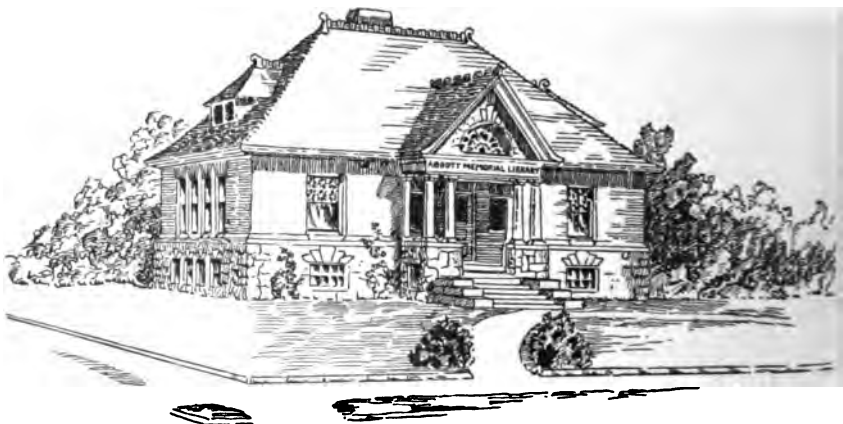
POWERS.

SEC. 1197. The state board of library commissioners shall have power to make necessary rules for its government and for the care of the libraries furnished by the state.

TOWNS.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SEC. 1198 A town voting to instruct its board of library trustees to make application to the state board of library commissioners under the third preceding section shall annually appropriate for the maintenance of its free public library a sum not less than fifty dollars, if its grand list is ten thousand dollars or over, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars, if its grand list is less than



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ten thousand dollars, and not less than twenty-five hundred dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars, if its grand list is less than twenty-five hundred dollars; and the selectmen of such town shall annually, in the month of September, draw an order on the treasurer of the town payable to such trustees for the amount of such appropriation, without the town having voted such appropriation.

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

SEC. 1199. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of the first and fourth preceding sections, unless such town has elected a board of library trustees and voted to instruct such board to make

application to the state board of library commissioners, and said trustees have provided, in a manner satisfactory to the state board of library commissioners, for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this chapter. The provisions of sections one thousand two hundred and thirteen, one thousand two hundred and fourteen, and one thousand two hundred and fifteen shall apply to the election of boards of library trustees under this section and to said trustees when so elected.

TOWNS ACCEPTING CONDITIONS TO RECEIVE BENEFITS.

SEC. 1200. When a town has accepted the provisions of the preceding section, the state board of library commissioners shall so certify to the auditor of accounts, who shall draw an order payable to said board for one hundred dollars, to be expended in the purchase of books as provided in the fifth preceding section.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

APPROPRIATION.

SEC. 1201. The state board of library commissioners may expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, annually, for the purchase of books for traveling libraries and in their necessary equipment, and may also expend a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, annually, for clerical work in cataloguing and preparing such books for circulation and for other necessary work in connection therewith. Sums expended under the provisions of this section shall be certified by the chairman of said board to the auditor of accounts, who shall draw an order for the payment of the same.

MANAGEMENT.

SEC. 1202. Said board shall have the full management and control of traveling libraries and make necessary rules and regulation for the use and government of the same.

USE.

SEC. 1203. Three or more citizens may organize a library association, and on compliance with the rules, regulations and requirements of the state board of library commissioners, shall, in the discretion of said board, be entitled to the use of traveling libraries without charge other than for expense of transportation of the same. A local library, literary or other club, agricultural or other

society, grange, college, seminary, university extension center, study circle or other association shall, on the same terms and in the discretion of the commissioners, have the use of such traveling libraries.



ABBOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY, POMFRET—BOOK STACKS

INCORPORATION OF LIBRARIES.

WHEN PROPERTY IS GIVEN TO TRUSTEES.

SEC. 1204. Trustees to whom real or personal property is devised, bequeathed, granted, conveyed or donated, for the foundation and establishment of a free public library, may, unless other-

wise provided by the deviser, grantor or donor of such property, in order to promote the better establishment, maintenance, and management of such library, cause a corporation to be formed under the provisions of the three following sections.

HOW EFFECTED.

SEC. 1205. Said trustees may make, sign and acknowledge, and file in the office of the secretary of state, a statement in writing setting forth the intent of said trustees to form a corporation, a copy of the will or instrument by which the endowment of such library is provided, the name adopted for the corporation, which shall not be the name of a corporation already existing, and the town or village in which such library and the principal place of business of such corporation will be located, the number of managers who may be denominated trustees, managers or directors of such corporation, and the names of the trustees, managers or directors who are to constitute the original board and who shall hold office until their successors are respectively elected and qualified as provided in the second following section.

SAME.

SEC. 1206. The secretary of state shall forthwith, upon the filing of such statement in his office, issue to the incorporators under his hand and seal, a certificate of which such statement shall be a part, declaring that the organization of the corporation is perfected. The incorporators shall forthwith cause such certificate to be recorded in the office of the county clerk of the county in which such library is to be located; and thereupon the corporation shall be deemed fully organized and may proceed to carry out its corporate purposes, and receive by conveyance from the trustees the property provided for the endowment of such library, and may hold the same in whatever form it may have been received or conveyed by said trustees, until such form shall be changed by action of such corporation.

POWERS OF CORPORATION.

SEC. 1207. An organization formed under the two preceding sections shall be a body corporate and politic, to be known by the name stated in its certificate or articles of incorporation; and, by such corporate name, it shall have and possess the ordinary rights and incidents of a corporation, and shall be capable of taking,

holding and disposing of real and personal estate for the purposes of its organization. The provisions of a will, deed or other instrument by which an endowment of a library is provided and accepted by the trustees, managers, or directors shall, as to such endowment, be a part of the organic and fundamental law of such corporation.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1208. The trustees, managers or directors of such a corporation shall compose its members and shall not be more than nine nor less than five in number. Said trustees, managers, or directors shall elect the officers of the corporation from their number and have control and management of the affairs and property of the same, may accept donations, and, in their discretion, hold the same in the form in which they are given, for the purposes of science, literature and art germane to the objects and purposes of such corporation. They may fill, by election, subject to the approval of the chief judge of the supreme court, vacancies occurring in their number and may make by-laws for the management of such corporation and library, which by-laws shall set forth the officers of the corporation and define and prescribe their respective duties. They may appoint and employ from time to time agents and employees, as they may deem necessary for the efficient administration and conduct of the library and the other affairs of such corporation. Whenever a trustee, manager or director is elected to fill a vacancy, a certificate, under the seal of the corporation, giving the name of the person elected, shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk, where the articles of incorporation are recorded.

EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION.

SEC. 1209. Whenever the instrument providing the endowment declares that the institution shall be a free public library, such library and other property of the corporation shall be forever exempt from taxation.

REPORT.

SEC. 1210. The trustees, managers or directors of such a corporation shall annually, in the month of January, report to the governor the condition of the library and of the funds and other property of the corporation, showing its assets and investments in detail for the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, preceding.

TOWN AND VILLAGE LIBRARIES.

ESTABLISHMENT.

SEC. 1211. A town or incorporated village may establish and maintain public libraries, with or without branches for the use of its inhabitants, and may annually contract with a library or



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library association incorporated under the general law or by a special act of the general assembly, to furnish books to its inhabitants free, and may appropriate money therefor, and may

annually appropriate money for the maintenance, care, increase and support of a library held in trust for such town or incorporated village or the inhabitants thereof.

APPROPRIATION.

SEC. 1212. A town or incorporated village establishing and maintaining a library may appropriate, for suitable rooms and buildings and for the foundation of such a library, a sum not exceeding three dollars for each ratable poll in such town or incorporated village in the preceding year, and may also appropriate annually, for the maintenance, care, and increase thereof, such sum of money as such town or incorporated village may vote at its annual meeting, and may receive, hold and manage a devise, bequest or gift for a public library.

TRUSTEES.

SEC. 1213. A town or incorporated village which has established or shall hereafter establish a public library may elect at its annual meeting a board of five trustees, who shall have full power to manage such public library and to receive, control and manage property which shall come into the hands of such town or incorporated village by gift, purchase, devise or bequest for the use and benefit of such library.

TRUSTEES' TERM OF OFFICE.

SEC. 1214. At the meeting when said trustees are first chosen, they shall be elected for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, and until their respective successors are chosen. Their successors shall be elected for the term of five years, but a person chosen to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

REPORT BY TRUSTEES.

SEC. 1215. Said trustees shall make a report to the annual meeting of the town or incorporated village of the condition of the library and of the management and expenditure of such moneys as have come into their hands.

MONEYS, HOW PAID OUT.

SEC. 1216. Moneys raised for a library shall be paid out by an agent to be appointed by the selectmen of a town or the trustees of an incorporated village, unless library trustees have been elected.

UNION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS.

SEC. 1217. Two incorporated library associations in the same town may, by a majority vote of the stock of each of such associations, at meetings thereof warned for that purpose, unite and assume the corporate name of either of such associations.

LIBRARIES ENTITLED TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.**TOWN LIBRARIES.**

SEC. 1218. When a town has established a public library, such town may, at an annual meeting, vote to place in such library a copy of such documents and volumes heretofore received by such town for it or its town clerk's office, as it shall designate, and also a copy of such documents and volumes hereafter to be received from the state, except the Vermont Reports, Vermont Public Documents and other books and documents provided by law to be kept in the town clerk's office, as it shall designate. The ownership of such books shall continue in the town; but their use shall be enjoyed by the library, until such town shall otherwise vote.

BOOKS TO BE DELIVERED BY STATE.

SEC. 1219. The state librarian shall deliver to a town public library that has been voted by its town the use of books owned by such town, such duplicate documents and volumes published or provided by the state, as can, in the judgment of the trustees of the state library, be delivered without prejudice to the state library. Such documents and volumes shall be delivered on application stating what books have already been received from the town, and the property in such documents and volumes shall remain in the state; but their use shall be enjoyed by such public library, until the state librarian is directed by law to demand their return to the state library.

BOOKS TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES NOT ESTABLISHED BY TOWNS.

SEC. 1220. When a public library exists in a town and is not established by it, such town may, at an annual meeting, by a two-

thirds vote, make the provisions named in the second preceding section in respect to use by the library of books owned by the town, apply to such library; and, in case of such vote, the provisions of the preceding section shall apply to such library the same as if it were established and maintained by such town.



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ELIGIBILITY OF WOMEN.

SEC. 3429. A woman twenty-one years of age may be elected or appointed town clerk, town treasurer, and trustee of public

libraries, provided she has resided in such town one year preceding such election or appointment.

SEC. 496. VI. The following property shall be exempt from taxation:

Real and personal estate granted, sequestered or used for public, pious or charitable uses; real and personal estate used by public and private circulating libraries, open to the public and not used for profit; lands leased by towns for educational purposes; and lands owned or leased by colleges, academies or other public schools, or leased by towns for the support of the gospel; and lands and buildings owned and used by towns for the support of the poor therein; but private buildings on such lands shall be set in the list to the owners thereof, and shall not be exempt.

JAIL LIBRARY.

SEC. 6120. Jailers shall receive books given by christian churches and benevolent individuals in their respective counties, for a library for persons confined in jail. The jailer shall enter the names of the donors in a book of record, with the titles of the books, which shall be open to the inspection of all persons. The jailer shall be librarian and shall keep safely the books in the library and distribute them to persons confined in jail, and exchange the same from time to time; but he shall not deliver books to a person who in his opinion will destroy or misuse them.

APPROPRIATION FOR STATE PRISON LIBRARY.

SEC. 6083. The board of penal institutions shall appropriate fifty dollars annually, to be expended by the superintendent of the state prison under its direction in the purchase of books to be added to the library of the state prison.

BOOKS AND PAPERS BELONGING TO LIBRARIES.

SEC. 5855. A person who wilfully and maliciously writes upon or injures a book, plate, picture, engraving or statue belonging to a law, town or public library shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, nor less than five dollars.

ONE OF THE LISTS OF BOOKS FURNISHED WITH THE \$100 APPROPRIATED BY THE STATE.

[This town already had a collection of books, so that the list was varied to suit their needs.]

ART.

FAY, AMY. Musical studies in Germany.
 HAMLIN, A. D. F. History of architecture.
 REINACH, S. Story of art.

BIOGRAPHY.

COLVIN, SYDNEY. Letters of R. L. Stevenson.
 JONES, F. A. Life of Thomas A. Edison.
 PARTON, JAMES. Captains of industry. (2 v.)
 PRYOR, MRS. R. C. Reminiscences of peace and war.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

BAKER, R. S. Boys' book of inventions.
 BURROUGHS, JOHN. Squirrels and other fur bearers.
 CHAMBERS, R. W. Outdoorland.
 CHISHOLM, LUCY. Golden staircase.
 DE LA RAMÉE, LOUISE. Nürnberg stove.
 DU CHAILLU, P. B. Land of the long night.
 FULLER, C. M. Alley cats' kitten.
 HODGES, GEORGE. When the King came.
 IRVING, F. B. Six girls.
 KELLY, L. E. Three-hundred things a bright girl can do.
 KIMBALL, M. I. Vermont for young Vermonters.
 LANG, ANDREW. Blue fairy book.
 NESBIT, E. Would-be-goods.
 PAGE, T. N. Two little confederates.
 PEARY, MRS. J. D. Snow baby.
 PIERSON, C. D. Among the meadow people.
 ST. NICHOLAS. Colonial stories for children.
 SPYRI, JOHANNA. Heidi.
 STODDARD, W. O. Little Smoke.
 STODDARD, W. O. Talking leaves.
 TRUE, J. P. Iron star.
 WALKER, M. C. Lady Holly-hock and her friends.
 WILSON, S. S. Myths of the red children.

FICTION.

ANDREWS, M. S. Perfect tribute.
 BROWN, ALICE. Rose Macleod.
 BURNETT, MRS. F. H. Making of a marchioness.
 CONRAD STEPHEN. Second Mrs. Jim.
 CUTTING, M. S. Little stories of married life.
 DASKAM, J. D. Middle aged love stories.

DELAND, MRS. M. W. Old Chester tales.
DEMORGAN, WILLIAM. Alice-for-short.
DUNCAN, NORMAN. Cruise of the shining light.
ELIOT, GEORGE. Middlemarch.
HENDERSON, C. H. John Percyfield.
HILL, MARION, Pettison twins.
HOWELLS, W. D. Son of Royal Langbrith.
HUGO, VICTOR. Les Miserables.
MONTRESOR, F. F. The one who looked on.
PECK, THEODORA. Hester of the Grants.
REED, MYRTLE. Lavender and old lace.
RICE, A. H. Lovey Mary.
ROBINSON, R. E. Danvis folks.
THOMPSON, D. P. Rangers.

LITERATURE.

BROOKS, PHILLIPS. Essays and addresses, literary and social.
GULICK, L. H. Efficient life.
HAY, JOHN. Addresses.
REPPLIER, AGNES. Book of famous verse.
ROOSEVELT, THEODORE. Strenuous life.
WAGNER, CHARLES. Simple life.

SCIENCE.

GIBSON, W. H. Sharp eyes.
GIFFORD, J. C. Practical forestry.
KEELER, H. L. Our native trees.
PETERSON, M. G. How to know the wild fruits.
REXFORD, E. B. Four seasons in a garden.

TRAVEL.

AUSTIN, MARY. Santa Lucia.
BACON, E. M. Connecticut river.
DE AMICIS, EDMONDO. Holland and its people.
DODD, A. B. Cathedral days.
DRUMMOND, HENRY. Tropical Africa.
JOHNSON, CLIFTON. Land of the heather.
LUMMIS, C. F. Some strange corners of our country.
LYNCH, HANNAH. French life in town and country.
PENFIELD, F. C. East of Suez.
ROBERTS, GEORGE. Historic towns in the Connecticut valley.
SMITH, F. H. Gondola days.

USEFUL ART.

DAVIDS, MRS. ELEANOR. Note book of an adopted mother.
DODD, MRS. HELEN. Healthful farm house.
EARLE, A. M. Child life in colonial days.
HOLT, EMILY. Cyclopedia of household economy.

JOHNSON, CLIFTON. Old time schools and school books.

O'CONNOR, W. D. Heroes of the storm.

RICHARDSON, D. Long day.

SHAW, MRS. C. S. W. Text book of nursing.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Bakersfield.—In 1906 a Library Association was formed, and money raised by entertainments for the purchase of books for a library. This, with efforts made by the teachers of Brigham Academy, so aroused the village that a public meeting was held the night before town meeting in March, 1907, and the day following the town voted the necessary requirements for state aid, which was given, and the Town Library was established.

Barre.—The beautiful new Aldrich Library building is completed, and the books have been recataloged by the card system, and moved in. The old library room has been closed for several months, that the cataloging might proceed without interruption.

The new building is two stories high and faces 72 feet on Washington street. The depth is 61.8 feet. The entrance on Washington street is largely of granite, with granite pillars. There are granite pilaster bases and caps, granite architraves, while the sills and the water tables are of the same material. The trustees have endeavored to get a design which shall be attractive but not gaudy.

Inside the building is a model of convenience. Three floors practically are adapted for library purposes, as the light basement, besides containing the boiler room has a storage room, a storage and unpacking room under the stack room, two toilet rooms, and entrance hall and another room, 24 feet six inches by 31 feet and four inches in size, which can be easily adapted to nearly any use.

The entrance to the building leads into the entrance hall, which contains a double staircase to the upper story. Leading from this room is the delivery hall, 18 by 20 feet, and just in the rear of this is the stack room, running to the roof and capable of holding three tiers of books. At this point it may be well to state that the capacity of the building is 40,000 volumes. The stack room measures 16 by 42 feet. On either end of the stack room is a small room for the librarian's purposes.

On the right of the entrance is the main reading room, measuring 24 feet six inches by 31 feet four inches. On the other side of the building is a juvenile room of identically the same size, fitted up with oak shelves on two sides.

An ascent to the second story leads directly into an art gallery hall, 18 by 26 feet in dimensions. On the right of this is a hall which has been named Aldrich hall, in memory of the donor. This and the entrance hall can be thrown together as a lecture room. In addition, there are two reference rooms, each of ample size and fitted with book-lifts from the

basement. Thus it will be seen that a building commodious for Barre's needs for many years will be provided.

It is finished in quartered oak, and the walls frescoed in shades of green. Cost about \$40,000, and \$5,000 of the original fund is to be used for the purchase of books.

Bennington Center.—In November, 1821, the building now known as the Old Academy Library was erected for school purposes. Its interesting history as an academy must be passed over, but by 1897 time and climatic changes had so weakened the once firm foundation that it was not considered safe for occupancy. Then some of the ladies conceived the idea of utilizing part of it for a public library. With this in view the building was repaired and made secure, and the lower room substantially fitted up for library purposes. Its pretty furnishings, together with rare views seen from the windows, make it a most attractive gathering-place. The basement, where once was kept the old hand fire engine, has been put in fine condition, and has many conveniences so essential when entertain-



OLD ACADEMY LIBRARY, BENNINGTON CENTER

ments are given,—heating apparatus, running water, etc. For all these improvements a considerable sum of money was required, the major part of which has been generously and willingly given by Miss Mary Sanford, daughter of the late Samuel B. Sanford. The library has already a fair assortment of books, some of which have been purchased, and others that have been donated. These have been catalogued according to the Dewey system, and the most approved methods put in operation. Librarian, Mrs. John V. Merrill.

Brattleboro.—This is one of the libraries that has tried Sunday opening, and reports it a success, the number of readers increasing each week.

Brookfield.—At the town meeting in March, 1908, it was voted to establish a free public library. This town has the honor of having the oldest library in the state, its Library Association having been in active existence for 117 years, with the peculiar custom of opening to the public for the loan and return of books but four times each year.

Burlington.—*Fletcher Carnegie Library.*—The death of the late librarian, Miss Sarah C. Hagar, has saddened all connected with the library. A brief sketch of her life and work will be found in another part of the Report. Mr. George Dana Smith of the Watkinson Library, Hartford, Conn., has been appointed to fill the vacancy, and will begin work on September 1.

Cabot.—Mrs. Lucretia McLean Kimball of Washington, D. C., has given to the town \$10,000 to build, equip and endow a library. The conditions are that the town shall furnish the site and put in the foundation. The wishes of the donor are that the building shall be of brick or stone. It will have reading and stack rooms, also a small kitchen, dining room and parlor, which may be used by clubs and society organizations. If it seems best to make the building two stories high, there may be a public hall.

Mrs. Kimball was born in Peacham, Vt., and lived in Cabot when a young girl, and has ever shown a kindly interest in her childhood home. The building will be erected in memory of her father and mother.

Cavendish.—The first week in November, 1907, a Library Association was formed in Proctorsville, consisting of several ladies from that village and Cavendish. President, Miss Fanny B. Fletcher; vice presidents, Mrs. Don C. Pollard and Miss Bacon; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Julia Rugg. Since that time much has been accomplished. The books of the Fletcher Free Library in both branches have been accessioned, and nearly cataloged, money has been raised by entertainments, and many gifts of books and furniture received from the members and others. This library is a portion of the one left to the town of Cavendish in 1869 by Judge Richard Fletcher of Boston, and contains some valuable old books.

Colchester.—*Winooski.*—At the village meeting held April 10th, 1907, it was unanimously voted to appropriate the sum of \$500 for the establishment of a free public library for the village. Miss Elsie Brown of Fern Hill, Burlington, then gave to the village the collection of 500 volumes formerly used in the Girls' Club there, and the State added its hundred dollars' worth of books. Other friends gave books and pictures, and the library was opened in two rooms in a new block in the central part of the village. The following extract from the local paper speaks for itself: "The new library is instantly popular. It is open every night, and the young men of the village are availing themselves of the opportunity of dropping in and reading their favorite magazine, book or newspaper.

Nothing has happened in Winooski for a long time that has met with so much favor as the free library."

Danby.—The S. L. Griffith Memorial Library was dedicated March 26, 1908. This is a beautiful building, containing reading room, children's room, stack room and provision for collections of curios. Flowers and plants for decoration are furnished by Mrs. S. L. Griffith, and a large amount of books have recently been purchased.

The outside of the building is finished in blue rock faced marble up to the water table, and above the water table with gray pressed brick trimmed with gray terra cotta, and the roof is covered with red slate. The reading room, children's room, distributing room and vestibule are finished in selected curly birch and the stack room in North Carolina pine. The floor in the vestibule is Puritan Sanitary with border and base; the floors in the reading room and stack room are covered with cork-carpeting. In the basement there is a gentlemen's reading room with entrance from outside, as well as stairs leading up to the main rooms. The building is heated with hot air furnace, and lighted with gas and has its own gas plant in the basement. On the main floor there are two toilet-rooms and a cloak-room for the children's room.

The stack room, two reading rooms and distributing room are all connected with open archways, there being no doors, so that the Librarian sitting at her desk has full oversight of all the main floor. All reference books are kept in the adult reading room, and the children's books are all on shelves in their room, so the children have no occasion to go into the stack room.

Mr. S. L. Griffith left in his will \$14,000 for the erection and furnishing of the building, and gave the lot on which the building stands, \$5,000 for the purchase of the first lot of books and an endowment of \$32,000 for the maintenance and purchase of new books each year.

There are two red brick fireplaces on the main floor, one in each of the reading rooms; the furniture is finished in light-colored quartered oak made by the Library Bureau of Boston.

Fair Haven.—The new Carnegie Library has been finished and the books re-catalogued and moved in. No effort has been spared to make it an attractive and up-to-date library. The children's reading room was furnished by the late George A. Vail, also fifty dollars worth of children's books, and Mr. George B. Jermyn gave \$100 toward furnishing the general reading room.

Fairlee.—The library building problem was solved here by buying one of the unused district school-houses and moving it a mile and a half into the village, where it has been repaired, finished with new wood-work and bookcases, steel ceiling and walls, and with its interior of new paint in soft green shades, it will be one of our most attractive small libraries. Total cost about \$500.

Franklin.—In 1906 the town of Franklin received a bequest from the will of Mrs. Elvira Haston of North Brookfield, Mass., of about \$12,000



HASTON LIBRARY, FRANKLIN

for the purpose of erecting a library building. This has been done, and a commodious brick building is now ready for occupancy. The room on the right of the main entrance on the first floor is the library and reading room, at the left of the entrance is the Selectmen's room, and back of this room is the Town Clerk's office and vault. The second floor is a historical room; the basement room at the right of the entrance is finished, also a toilet-room; the rest is the furnace room. The first and second floors are North Carolina pine stained dark, filled and varnished with dead varnish. The basement room is finished in the natural wood. A gasolene lighting plant is furnished by the Green Mountain Light and Power Company of Burlington. There is a fireplace in the reading room in the center of the outside wall, also one each in the corners of the Town Clerk's and Selectmen's rooms. The stairs at the right of entrance to the library room lead to the historical room, and under these stairs are the stairs to the basement from the lobby. Librarian, C. W. Powell.

Hartford.—*While River Junction.*—The George W. Gates Memorial Library was given by Amos Barnes of Boston to the Loyal Club. In the spring of 1907 the building was completed and occupied. The library had existed for many years, but not continuously, as it was supported by public subscription, and was sometimes closed for lack of a room, funds, or a librarian. In 1891 the Loyal Club, composed wholly of ladies, was organized with three objects in view—to assist the local G. A. R. Post, to carry on the library, and for village improvement. At first it rented two rooms for the library, but became incorporated in 1906 that it might receive and control the Gates Library, which they now support entirely, having never received any aid from the State, town or village, though citizens of the village have generously helped the club, and Mrs. N. B. Safford has given \$1000 towards its support. Mrs. Charlotte Safford Wallace, who was librarian and the "efficient, faithful and beloved" president of the club for 17 years, until her death, June 4, 1908, purchased all the supplies for the building, and gave all the furniture for stack and reading room upstairs.

The main floor contains the stack and reading rooms. The basement is a club room with kitchen, supplied with range, hot and cold water, closets and drawers to hold the dishes and table furnishings owned by the club.

There is a small room adjoining the kitchen with bulk-head and furnace and connections with the coal and wood cellar. There is also a toilet room, and a large room that answers for club meetings, suppers, etc. This contains an open fireplace, and is capable of seating 40 people. Opening into the club room, at the side entrance, there is a flight of stone steps leading to a tiny hall with a cloak room of good size to the right.

Upstairs, at the main entrance, there is a small hall, then entrance into the main hall, with stained glass window. This is the stack room, cut off from the hall by a railing, desk, card desk, etc., and has an open fireplace. The stacks themselves are in alcoves with five small windows. The reading room is beyond, on the same side, with pleasant windows

north and west. The building is of brick, lighted by electricity and warmed by a furnace, using either wood or coal. Architect, Mr. Louis Newton of Hartford. There is a good lawn, which later may be used for lawn parties, and good concrete walk.

The club now has at interest \$1000, which they have earned themselves, and nearly 3000 volumes in the library. Five of the ladies take turns in staying at the library, and great assistance has been rendered to the library in their work by Miss Ella Hazen.

Isle La Motte.—The stone building has been remodeled by the Ladies' Club for a library and now is in use, a tasteful and pretty home for the books.

Johnson.—The Ladies' Club has been working to raise money for a library building for several years, and now have a sufficient sum with which to begin work.

Lunenburg.—A new catalog is in process of preparation, and the librarian is earnestly endeavoring to keep the library up-to-date, in all its methods.

Lyndon.—*Lyndonville.*—The new Cobleigh Library is in constant use, many improvements have been made, and it is much appreciated by the people. Mrs. Duston, who had rendered faithful service so long, has resigned, and Miss Elizabeth Hills from the Forbes Library, Northampton, Mass., has taken her place as librarian.

Manchester.—Miss Clara M. Chamberlin, librarian of the Mark Skinner library at Manchester and vice-president of the State Library Association for 1907, has accepted a position in the library at Portland, Oregon.

Middlebury.—*College Library.*—Since the death of Dr. Charles Edward Prentiss, librarian, Mr. Herbert Boyce has been appointed to the position.

Middlebury.—*Sheldon Art Museum and Library.*—Henry L. Sheldon, the well-known antiquarian, founder and librarian of the Sheldon Museum and Historical Society, died at his home, Feb. 28, 1907. He began collecting in 1875, and in 1882 received from the state a charter for the Sheldon Art Museum. He leaves the Museum and all its property to be permanently continued under a board of trustees.

Montpelier.—The Kellogg-Hubbard Library was opened nine Sundays on trial, with an attendance of 481. During this time the janitor and one of the trustees were in charge. At the annual meeting the trustees voted to continue to keep open, and Mr. English, the janitor, who is very efficient, was engaged to be in attendance during the hours from one till six in the afternoon. Not merely the reading room, but the whole library is kept open.

Pomfret.—The Abbott Memorial Library has been unusually successful in reaching the outlying districts through the school children. One day during each term the children are given a half-holiday that they may visit the library in a body, when they are especially entertained by children's books and other features. After this, sets of 15 books each are circulated and exchanged in the six different schools in town, and finally a reception was given at the library where the townspeople were invited to meet the district superintendent of schools and his wife. This, with many other devices, full accounts of which may be found in the Commission's Quarterly Bulletin, has made the library exceedingly popular and accessible to all. Librarian, Mrs. Abba Doten Chamberlin.

Richmond.—This town had the misfortune to lose its library by fire in the spring of 1908.

St. Albans.—On December 22, 1907, the library was opened on Sunday for the first time, and the experiment was found successful. Most of the readers are boys between the ages of ten and eighteen, but frequently there are men.

Sheldon.—The town library has just been recatalogued by the trustees. The Dewey classification was used, but a printed instead of a card catalog made. This was so that the lists might be distributed throughout the town and give all an equal chance of selection.

Shoreham.—As soon as the books were well settled in the new Platt memorial building, the books were classified by the Dewey system, and a card catalog made by Dr. Mary Mixer Platt.

Thetford.—Two libraries, the Latham and the Peabody, are situated in this town, yet neither were free till March, 1908, when the town voted to establish a free town library and raised \$25 for the purpose. State aid was given, and an arrangement made by which the books could be housed in the Latham library and the Latham books rented to the town and loaned free to its inhabitants. This has proved very satisfactory to all.

Vergennes.—The city was generously remembered in the will of the late William G. Bixby by a bequest of about \$150,000 for the establishment and maintenance of a public library. Provision is made for the erection of a building, and work on it is soon to be begun.

Westfield.—*Hitchcock Memorial Library.*—The traveler who journeys through the beautiful valley of the upper Missisquoi with its blue skies, green hills, and peaceful river, will come to a pleasant village in the quiet town of Westfield. Just as he enters the village, coming from the south, he will notice on the left-hand of the main street an attractive building with an inscription in gilt letters on background of black over the porch, that reads as follows:

HITCHCOCK
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Aaron C. Hitchcock, a prosperous farmer and financier, was born near the spot in 1823. He passed his entire life here on his ancestral acres, dying in 1900. He was a man of intelligence and public spirit. Having buried two sons in their early manhood, he contemplated for years doing something for the young people of his town. In October, 1898, in response to a warning issued by the selectmen, the citizens of the town convened in public meeting to act on a proposition to be submitted by Mr. Hitchcock. He proposed to give to the town ten thousand dollars to be used, first: For the erection of a building according to plans and specifications to be submitted by him, on land to be deeded by him



HITCHCOCK LIBRARY, WESTFIELD

to the town. Second: The sum remaining after the erection of this building was to be divided into two parts. One-half of it was to be used to fit up and procure specimens for a museum of natural history. The remainder was to be invested as a permanent fund, the income from which was to be used to defray one-half the expense of keeping the building in repair, and the remainder of the income, if any, to procure additional specimens for the museum. The town voted to accept the offer made by Mr. Hitchcock.

In the spring of 1899, Mr. Hitchcock turned the money over to the town, and the same season the building was erected.

It stands on a spacious lot fronting eight rods on the street and running ten rods back from the street. The building which is of wood, and ends to the street, is two stories, thirty by forty-two feet, with a tower for the clock and a basement for the furnace and wood cellar. There is a porch over the double doors of the front entrance. The building is painted white with trimmings in a light brown.

The visitor enters first a vestibule which is twelve feet wide and extends across the front end of the building. At each end of this vestibule are stairs leading to the second floor. Passing from the porch through the vestibule the visitor enters the library. This is a room about thirty feet square with alcoves on the north side for the books. In this room the librarian has a table. As one enters the room he beholds, opposite him, suspended from the rail of the gallery, an enlarged picture of Mr. Hitchcock. Though Mr. Hitchcock designed this room only for books, yet the south side of it not being required for that purpose at present, is used for specimens.

The second floor is used exclusively for the museum. The center of the floor between the two stories is left open so that the visitor can look down into the book room as from a large gallery. The building is finished in hard wood and with a fine quality of workmanship. The building cost about three thousand dollars at the time when it was erected, material being less expensive than at present.

The library, which numbers about 750 volumes, comprises works of history, travels, adventure, fiction, etc. These are loaned without charge to all citizens of the town. Mr. Hitchcock made no provision for the purchase of books, though he contributed about eighty volumes from his own library. The building is open on Saturday afternoon and evening.

The museum is a very fine one for a small town to possess. Some of the specimens were purchased expressly for this museum by Prof. G. H. Perkins of the University of Vermont. Professor Perkins has been here twice to arrange the specimens. There is a fine collection of corals, a collection of Vermont marbles and granites. There are other specimens of minerals, a collection of birds, of butterflies, of shells, a bear, a deer, a wolf, an eagle that measures seven feet from tip to tip. There is a beaver scene. There are two muskrat scenes, one representing the winter, and the other the summer home, natural as life. The muskrat scenes alone cost \$600. There are other specimens which space will not permit the writer to enumerate. There is still a considerable sum of money now in the hands of the trustees which is available for use in purchasing additional specimens.

Mr. E. S. Miller, who has been the efficient and obliging librarian during the past six years, keeps things in excellent condition. He is much interested in both the library and the museum, and is pleased at any time to admit visitors from out of town who wish to inspect either or both of them.

M. W. FARMAN, by request of E. S. MILLER.

On Washington's birthday she remained at the library all day, not even going out for meals, because as she said "someone might come in today who would have to work other days." From that time her strength seemed to be slowly failing, but she did not give up work and was hardly induced even to shorten her hours of labor. On April 23rd she attended her last gathering of librarians, at Brandon, and from that time on she was eagerly planning for the annual meeting of the Vermont Library Association, which was to hold its opening reception in her library, June 29.

Less than three weeks before her death she found herself unable to go to the library. After that she steadily lost ground, but the end came quite suddenly, leaving a sense of personal loss not only to many librarians whom she held dear, but to the people of Burlington of all sorts, conditions and ages, who knew that however lonely or unfortunate their lives, there would always be awaiting them one helpful, interested friend at the library.

The Vermont Library Association, of which Miss Hagar was the founder, passed the following resolutions at its annual meeting, June 30th, at Burlington.

"The Vermont Library Association hereby expresses officially and for its members individually its sorrow and deep sense of loss in the death of Miss Sarah C. Hagar. She was our first, and for 10 years continuously our president; for 23 years librarian of the largest public library in the state. In position she was a pioneer and leader, in her unassuming relationship to us, our friend and sympathizer.

We acknowledge our indebtedness to her for her noble and self-forgetful example in work, for her broad and high ideals, and for assistance given ungrudgingly and without condescension. We rejoice that she was permitted such a long life of usefulness in which she delighted, and strength for work until almost the end."



CARNEGIE LIBRARY, FAIR HAVEN

GIFTS TO LIBRARIES MADE, OR THAT HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT OF 1906.

| LIBRARY. | DONATION. | DONOR. |
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| Addison..... | 18 vols..... | { Manley Marshall, Mrs. D. C. Smith. |
| | \$ 18.50 | Entertainments |
| Andover..... | 111 vols..... | Friends. |
| Athens..... | Books..... | Friends |
| Bakersfield..... | 4 vols..... | Miss Charlotte Nichols. |
| | Cash..... | Entertainments. |
| Barre..... | \$50,000.00..... | Leonard F. Aldrich. |
| North Bennington..... | 100.00..... | Mrs. J. G. McCullough |
| | Books..... | Friends. |
| Bennington Center..... | Books..... | Friends. |
| Bethel..... | \$ 40.00..... | Subscriptions and entertainments. |
| Bradford..... | Books..... | Subscriptions and entertainments |
| Brandon..... | \$ 500.00..... | Mr. A. G. Farr. |
| | 150.00..... | Mrs. Talbot. |
| | 5.00..... | Mrs. L. G. Case. |
| | 5.00..... | Rev. J. J. Boyle. |
| | 5.00..... | Mrs. A. W. Rollins. |
| | 75.00..... | Friends. |
| | 150.00..... | Entertainments. |
| Brattleboro..... | Painting—Prodigal Son, | Jane Hunt. |
| Brookfield..... | \$ 200.00..... | Mrs. Alice W. Thayer. |
| Burlington..... | 5,000.00..... | |
| Library of U. V. M..... | | |
| Cabot..... | 10,000.00 for bld'g..... | Mrs. Lucretia McLean Kimball. |
| Cambridge..... | Set of encyclopedias..... | Mrs. C. M. Stone. |
| Crescendo Club..... | Books..... | Friends |
| | \$ 65.00..... | Literary Society. |
| Cambridge Library..... | \$ 41.00..... | Entertainments. |
| Castleton..... | Gifts..... | Friends. |
| | \$ 100.00..... | Friends. |
| Cavendish..... | Magazines..... | Mrs. Thomas Allen. |
| | Cash, books, supplies..... | Library Association. |
| | \$ 42.44..... | Library Association. |
| Charlotte..... | 25.00..... | Joseph Winterbotham. |
| | 5.00..... | Miss Genieve Winterbotham. |
| | 800.00..... | Entertainments. |
| Chelsea..... | Books..... | Friends. |
| Colchester..... | 415 vols..... | Miss Elsie Brown. |
| Winooski Library..... | 2 pictures..... | Miss Augusta Leclair. |
| | 1 picture..... | Mr. C. S. Lord. |
| | Books..... | Miss Cora B. Drew. |
| | Books..... | H. F. Wolcott. |
| East Corinth..... | Books and expenses..... | { Mrs. Fenno, Messrs. Blake. |
| Cornwall..... | Cash..... | Grange. |
| Craftsbury..... | Books..... | Friends. |
| Danby..... | \$52,000.00..... | Estate of Hon. Silas L. Griffith. |
| | 14,000.00 of this for building..... | |
| Danville..... | Books..... | Mrs. Pope. |
| Dorset..... | Clock, Web. dictionary } 6 vols., \$12.50 } 25.00..... 90.00..... | Mrs. Marcia B. Fuller. |
| | \$ 200.00 in 1907 } 200.00 " 1908 } 96.00..... | Miss C. DeNottbeck. |
| Enosburg..... | | Entertainments. |
| " Public Library..... | | Hon. Olin Merrill. |
| " H. School Library..... | | M. P. Perley. |
| Essex..... | Books..... | Friends. |
| Fair Haven..... | \$ 100.00..... | George B. Jormyn. |
| | 33 vols., \$50.00 and furniture for children's reading room } \$ 269.00..... | George A. Vail. |
| Fairlee..... | \$ 12,000.00 for library building..... | Friends |
| Franklin..... | | Subscriptions. |
| Grafton..... | Books..... | Mrs. E. S. Haston |
| Greensboro..... | Books..... | Friends. |
| Groton..... | \$ 5.00..... | Judge J. R. Darling |
| Guildhall..... | Magazines..... | Friends |
| | Clock..... | Entertainment. |
| | \$ 12.00..... | Grange. |



CARNEGIE LIBRARY. FAIR HAVEN—INTERIOR

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| Guilford..... | 12 vols..... | Mrs. Ellen Richmond. |
| Hardwick..... | \$12,068.65..... | Mrs. M. M. Judevine. |
| Hartford..... | Library building..... | Estate of Amos Barnes. |
| Gates Mem. Library..... | \$ 1,000.00..... | Mrs. N. B. Safford. |
| Hinesburg..... | 71 v. magazines..... | Loyal Club. |
| Isle La Motte..... | 40 v. | Mrs. Kate B. Russell. |
| | Books..... | Mrs. Mary Wilson. |
| | Books..... | Hon. H. W. Hill. |
| | Books..... | Mrs. William Donald. |
| | Books..... | Mrs. Roebach. |
| Jericho..... | Books..... | Mrs. L. W. Cook. |
| Londonderry..... | \$50.00 annually..... | Friends. |
| S. Londonderry Library..... | | Friend. |
| Lunenburg..... | Books..... | Mrs. Farnest Palmer. |
| Lyndon..... | Books, map of Vt., Atlas..... | F. D. Hale. |
| | \$ 450.00..... | Woman's Club. |
| | Pictures and other works of art..... | Theodore N. Vall. |
| | \$ 500.00..... | Miss Elizabeth Skinner. |
| Manchester..... | | |
| Mark Skinner Library..... | | |
| Middlebury..... | | |
| High School Library..... | Books..... | |
| Milton..... | | |
| Graded School Library..... | Books..... | |
| Montpelier..... | | |
| Kellogg-Hubbard Library..... | Books and periodicals..... | |
| Vt. State Library..... | Books..... | |
| Montpelier Seminary L. | Books..... | |
| Newbury..... | \$ 5,800.00..... | (Mrs. Nathaniel Stevens. |
| Tenney Memorial Library..... | 1,054.00..... | (A. T. White. |
| | 125.00..... | M. J. Tenney. |
| | 75.00..... | F. J. Doe. |
| | 50.00..... | C. C. Doe. |
| Newfane..... | Pays all expenses..... | H. W. Bayley. |
| Northfield..... | Books..... | Mrs. P. C. Moore. |
| Brown public..... | Books..... | G. W. Brown. |
| | Books..... | Prof. Johnson. |
| | Books..... | Friends. |
| | Set of bound Harpers..... | Dr. George Nichols and wife. |
| Carnegie L. of Norwich U..... | 300 vols..... | Mrs. Snow. |
| | 100 "..... | Estate of Hon. Geo. Nichols. |
| | Nat. Cyc. of Am. Biog..... | Mr. Stoughton. |
| Norwich..... | \$ 200.00..... | Miss S. L. Burton. |
| Orange..... | Books..... | |
| Orwell..... | \$ 16.55..... | Entertainments. |
| Peru..... | 10.00..... | Entertainments. |
| Pittsford..... | 850.00..... | Dr. Walker. |
| | 136 vols..... | Friends. |
| | \$ 55.00..... | Subscriptions. |
| Proctor..... | Endowment of \$10,000.00..... | |
| Randolph..... | \$ 100.00..... | Redfield Proctor. |
| Reading..... | Books..... | Estate of Mrs. A. B. Chandler. |
| | \$ 10.00..... | Friends. |
| | 45.63..... | Friend. |
| Ripton..... | Books..... | Concert. |
| Rochester..... | Books..... | D. J. Foster. |
| | Books..... | Miss Jessie Morgan. |
| | Books..... | Mrs. Jennie Morrow. |
| | Books..... | E. P. Jose. |
| Rockingham..... | Books and papers..... | |
| Rutland..... | | |
| Free Library..... | Books and money..... | Literary Societies. |
| Baxter Memorial..... | Expenses..... | H. H. Baxter. |
| Ryegate..... | 20 vols..... | Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Powers. |
| | | Mrs. W. Wright. |
| | | Mrs. Mary Nelson. |
| | | Mrs. W. J. Lyman. |
| St. Albans—city..... | \$ 5,000.00..... | F. J. Houghton. |
| " High School—town..... | Books..... | Rev. Gortier. |
| | Books..... | Mrs. J. G. Norton. |
| St. Johnsbury..... | 27 vols..... | T. W. B. Clark. |
| Fairbanks Museum of Natural Science..... | | |
| Shelburne Public..... | \$ 50.00..... | |
| " High School..... | 50.00..... | Mrs. W. S. Webb. |



BLOOD MEMORIAL LIBRARY, BROWNVILLE

| LIBRARY | DONATION. | DONOR. |
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| Shoreham..... | \$ 8.50 | Universalist Society. |
| Stoekbri lge, Belcher L..... | Books | |
| Strafford | Books | James S. Morrill. |
| | Painting building..... | Miss Louise Swan. |
| | Adding fuel closet..... | Friends. |
| Swanton | \$ 250.00 | |
| Thetford, Latham Library.. | Books | Friends. |
| Underhill | Books | Book Club. |
| | Rent and expenses..... | Book Club. |
| | \$ 100.00 | Estate of Wm. G. Bizby. |
| Vergennes, City Library.... | 150,000.00 | Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Lee. |
| Vernon | 80 vols..... | Estate of J. W. Gregory. |
| Waitsfield..... | \$ 100.00 | |
| | 28 vols..... | |
| Waterville..... | 9 | |
| West Fairlee..... | Magazines..... | Miss Ruth Childs. |
| | Magazines..... | Miss Gertrude Udall. |
| Westfield | Books | |
| | \$ 19.00 | Entertainments. |
| Weston..... | Books | Friends. |
| Whitingham..... | Books | |
| Williamstown | \$ 10.00 | Major L. A. Abbott. |
| | 15.00 | Mrs. Susan E. Somerville. |
| Williston | Books | Friends. |
| Windham | \$ 15.00 | Friends. |
| Windsor | 50.00 | Sherman Evans. |
| | 60.00 | Maxwell Evans. |
| | 60.00 | Mrs. C. C. Beaman. |
| | Books | |

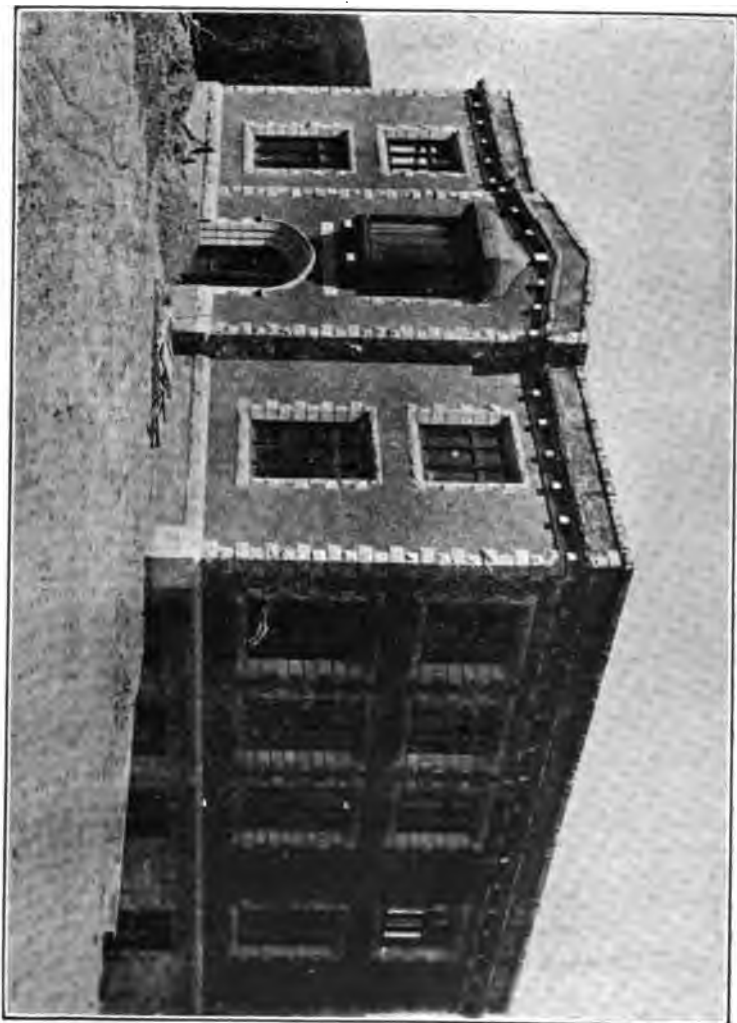
TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES.

The towns are classified according to their free library privileges as follows:

CLASS 1.

Towns which have libraries owned and controlled by the town and free for circulation to all the people. (All towns in this list excepting those marked † have organized their libraries with State Aid.)

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| Addison, | Hartland, | Sheffield, |
| Alburg, | Highgate, | Shelburne, |
| Andover, | Hinesburg, | Sheldon, |
| Athens, | Hyde Park, | Shoreham, |
| Bakersfield, | Isle La Motte, | South Hero, |
| Barnard, | Jericho, | Stamford, |
| Barnet, | Johnson, | Stockbridge, |
| Barton, | Kirby, | † Stowe, |
| Benson, | Landgrove, | † Strafford, |
| Braintree, | Lincoln, | Sunderland, |
| † Brattleboro, | Lunenburg, | Sutton, |
| Brighton, | Lyndon, | Swanton, |
| Bristol, | Marshfield, | Thetford, |
| Brookfield, | Middletown Springs, | Townshend, |
| Burke, | Milton, | Underhill, |
| Cabot, | Montgomery, | Vergennes, |
| Cambridge, | Moretown, | Vernon, |
| Canaan, | New Haven, | Vershire, |



CARNEGIE LIBRARY, NORWICH UNIVERSITY, NORTHFIELD

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| Castleton, | Newport, | Victory, |
| † Cavendish, | Northfield, | Waitsfield, |
| † Chelsea, | Orange, | Walden, |
| † Chester, | Orwell, | Wardsboro, |
| Chittenden, | Pawlet, | Warren, |
| Concord, | Peru, | Washington, |
| Cornwall, | Pittsfield, | Waterbury, |
| Enosburg, | Pomfret, | Waterford, |
| Essex, | Poultney, | Waterville, |
| † Fair Haven, | Putney, | West Fairlee, |
| Fairlee, | Randolph, | Westfield, |
| Fairfax, | Reading, | Westford, |
| Fairfield, | Readsboro, | West Haven, |
| Fletcher, | † Richford, | Westmore, |
| Franklin, | † Richmond, | Weston, |
| Georgia, | Ripton, | West Windsor, |
| Grafton, | Rochester, | Weybridge, |
| Granby, | † Rockingham, | Wheelock, |
| Granville, | Royalton, | Whitingham, |
| Greensboro, | Ryegate, | Williston, |
| Groton, | Salisbury, | Wilmington, |
| Guildhall, | † St. Albans, | Windham, |
| † Guilford, | § St. Albans (Town of), | Winooski, |
| Hardwick, | Sharon, | Woodbury,—126 |
| With state aid, 113. | | Without state aid, 13. |

CLASS 2.

Towns which have free libraries in which the town has some representation in the management.

Bennington, Burlington, Springfield,—3.

CLASS 3.

Towns in which there are free libraries to which the town appropriates money, but is not represented in the management.

Bethel, Newbury, Wallingford,
 Brandon, Pittsford, Weathersfield,
 Maidstone, Proctor, West Rutland,
 Morristown, Rutland, Windsor,—12.

CLASS 4.

Towns in which there are free libraries which have no connection with the town.

Charleston, Derby, St. Johnsbury,
 Charlotte, Hartford, Ludlow,
 Craftsbury, Montpelier, Woodstock,—11.
 Danby, Newfane,

§ Has free use of public library in St. Albans (City) and makes annual appropriation for its support.

CLASS 5.

*Towns which have no free library. (Towns marked * contain libraries which are not free.)*

| | | |
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| Albany, | Glover, | Plainfield, |
| * Arlington, | Goshen, | * Plymouth, |
| Baltimore, | * Grand Isle, | Pownal, |
| Barre (Town of), | Halifax, | Roxbury, |
| Belvidere, | Hancock, | Rupert, |
| Berkshire, | Holland, | Rutland (Town of), |
| Berlin, | Hubbardton, | St. George, |
| Bloomfield, | Huntington, | Sandgate, |
| Bolton, | Ira, | Searsburg, |
| * Bradford, | Irassburg, | * Shaftsbury, |
| Bridgewater, | Jamaica, | Sherburne, |
| Bridport, | Jay, | Shrewsbury, |
| Brookline, | Leicester, | Somerset, |
| Brownington, | Lemington, | South Burlington, |
| Brunswick, | * Londonderry, | Stannard, |
| * Calais, | Lowell, | Starksboro, |
| * Clarendon, | * Manchester, | Stratton, |
| * Corinth, | Marlboro, | Sudbury, |
| Coventry, | Mendon, | Tinmouth, |
| * Danville, | * Middlebury, | Topsham, |
| * Dorset, | Middlesex, | Troy, |
| Dover, | Monkton, | Tunbridge, |
| Dummerston, | Morgan, | Waltham, |
| Duxbury, | Mt. Holly, | Wells, |
| East Haven, | Mt. Tabor, | * Westminster, |
| East Montpelier, | * Newark, | * Whiting, |
| Eden, | North Hero, | * Williamstown. |
| Elmore, | Norton, | Winhall, |
| Fayston, | * Norwich, | Wolcott, |
| Ferrisburg, | Panton, | Woodford, |
| Glastenbury, | * Peacham, | Worcester,—93. |

Towns without libraries, 74. Towns having libraries which are not free, 19.

CLASS 6.

Traveling Library Stations.

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Arlington, | Fairfax, Beaver | Rutland, |
| Arlington, East | Fairfax, Buck Hollow | Ryegate, South |
| Bakersfield, | Fair Haven, | Stamford, |
| Bennington, | Fletcher, | Starksboro, 5 stations |
| Bolton, | Franklin, | Townshend, |
| Braintree, | Glover, | Wardsboro, |
| Brandon, | Guilford, | Waterbury, |
| Calais, East, | Halifax, | Wells, |

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|------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Cambridge, | Jericho, | Westford, |
| Charlotte, | Lincoln, | Westford, Cloverdale |
| Coventry, | Lyndon, | West Haven. |
| Danville, | Reading, | Westminster, |
| Danville, Harvey | Richmond, | Windsor. |
| Dummerston, | Roxbury, | Worcester,—48. |
| Essex, | Royalton, | |

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF LIBRARIES ESTABLISHED BY AID OF THE COMMISSION.

1895.

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Andover Town Library, | Orange Public Library, |
| Barton Town Library, | Peru Free Public Library, |
| Canaan Free Library, | Poultney Free Public Library, |
| Chittenden Public Library, | Ripton Free Library, |
| Georgia Free Public Library, | Rochester Free Public Library, |
| Granby, Sunset Library, | Ryegate Free Library, |
| Groton Public Library, | Sharon Public Library, |
| Granville Public Library, | Shelburne Free Library, |
| Hardwick, Hathaway Free Public | Sheldon Town Library, |
| [Library, | South Hero Library, |
| Hyde Park Public Library, | Stamford Free Public Library, |
| Island Pond Public Library, | Stockbridge Free Public Library, |
| Ile La Motte Public Library, | Sutton Free Library, |
| Johnson Public Library, | Vershire Town Library, |
| Kirby Free Public Library, | Walden Free Public Library, |
| Landgrove Public Library, | Waterville Town Library, |
| Lunenburg Public Library, | Westford Town Library, |
| Lyndon Free Public Library, | West Windsor Free Public Library, |
| Marshfield Town Library, | Wilmington Free Library, |
| Montgomery Free Library, | Windham Library, |
| Northfield Free Public Library, | Woodbury Town Library. |

1896.

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Alburgh Town Library, | Orwell Free Library, |
| Athens Public Library, | Pomfret Public Library, |
| Cabot Public Library, | Randolph Public Library, |
| Concord Library, | South Royalton, |
| Enosburg Town Library, | Sunderland Town Library, |
| Fletcher Public Library, | Waitsfield Public Library, |
| Franklin Library, | Waterford Public Library, |
| Hartland Public Library, | Westmore Public Library. |
| Newport Town Library, | |

1897.

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| Castleton Free Public Library, | Victory Public Library, |
| Highgate Town Library, | Wheelock Public Library. |
| Reading (Felchville), The Davis Li- | |
| brary, | |



ISLE LA MOTTE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

1898.

Benson Public Library,
Fairlee Public Library,
Milton Free Library,

Shoreham Public Library,
Weston Public Library.

1899.

Cambridge Town Library,
Essex Public Library,
Fairfax Free Library,
Jericho Town Library,
Middletown Springs Public Library,
Readsboro Free Library,
Swanton Free Library,

Townshend Public Library,
Wardsboro Free Public Library,
Westfield Town Library,
Westhaven Free Public Library,
Weybridge Free Public Library,
Whitingham Free Library.

1900.

Barnet Public Library,
Braintree Public Library,

Greensboro Free Library,
Lincoln Free Library,
Warren Town Library.

1901.

Fairfield Free Library,
New Haven Town Library,

Salisbury Public Library.

1902.

Addison Public Library,
Bristol Free Library,

Hinesburg Public Library.

1903.

Barnard, Charles B. Danforth Free
[Public Library
Guildhall Free Public Library,

Pawlet Public Library,
Underhill Town Library.

1905.

Cornwall Free Library,
Moretown Town Library,
Sheffield Free Public Library,
Vernon Free Public Library,

Waterbury Town Library,
West Fairlee Free Public Library,
Williston Public Library.

1906.

Burke.

1907.

Bakersfield,

Winooski

1908.

Brookfield,

Thetford.



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TABULATED REPORT OF LIBRARIES.

| TOWN. | COUNTY. | LIBRARY. | LIBRARIAN. | P. O. ADDRESS. | TABLETMENT. | LIBRARY FREE. | NO. OF VOLUMES. | STATE AID. | LAST ANNUAL (INCULCATION. | AMT APP. BY TOWN 1904. | ENDOWMENT. | POPULATION. |
|----------------|---------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Addison | Ad. | Addison free public | Mrs. M. A. Smith | Vergennes | 1902 | Yes | 410 | Yes | | \$ 25.00 | | 851 |
| Albany | Or. | Albany library association | M. B. Chaffey | Albany | 1880 | No | | No | | | | 1,024 |
| Albany | Or. | Albany public | Mrs. J. S. Mordellow | Albany | 1880 | Yes | 470 | Yes | 870 | 25.00 | | 1,474 |
| Anover | Wt. | Autiove town | Adella E. Stannard | Simonsville | 1886 | Yes | 1,457 | Yes | 8602 | 15.00 | | 372 |
| " | " | Wheatville branch | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arlington | Be. | Chautauque | Martha H. Canfield | Arlington | 1889 | No | 350 | No | | | | 1,133 |
| Athens | Wm. | Athens public | Frederick S. Hastings | Cambridgeport | 1900 | Yes | 132 | Yes | | 15.00 | | 1,740 |
| Barnfield | Fr. | Barnfield public | Mrs. W. O. Starr | Barnfield | 1900 | Yes | 900 | No | | 20.00 | | 1,130 |
| " | " | Brighton Academy | | | 1879 | Yes | | | | | | |
| Baltimore | Wt. | " | | | 1900 | Yes | 1,004 | Yes | | 50.00 | | 546 |
| Barnet | Co. | Charles B. Danforth | Mrs. Jennie G. Putnam | Bethel | 1900 | Yes | 1,850 | Yes | | 100.00 | 75.00 | 1,793 |
| Barnet | Co. | Barnet public | Henrietta Willey | Barnet | 1900 | Yes | 6,500 | No | | | | 1,743 |
| Barre, City of | Wt. | Aldrich public | Mrs. Louise L. Boyce | Barre | 1872 | Yes | | | | | | 8,416 |
| " | " | No | | | | | | | | | | 2,790 |
| Barton | Or. | Barton town | Michel L. Gay | Barton | 1888 | Yes | 1,793 | Yes | 4045 | 200.00 | | |
| " | " | Barton Landing branch | Ruth M. Rogers | Barton Landing | 1891 | Yes | 2,830 | No | | | | |
| " | " | Barton Academy | | | 1891 | Yes | 850 | No | | | | |
| " | " | Barton Landing high school | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belvidere | La. | No | | | | | | | | | | 128 |
| Bennington | Be. | Bennington free | Mrs. Mary B. Merrill | Bennington | 1865 | Yes | 7,931 | No | 12760 | 500.00 | | 8,053 |
| " | " | North Bennington free | H. S. Walling | North Bennington | 1900 | Yes | 2,250 | No | 111 | 200.00 | | |
| " | " | Old Academy | Mrs. Caroline R. Merrill | Bennington Center | 1897 | No | | | | 100.00 | | |
| " | " | Vermont Soldiers Home | | Bennington | | | 200 | | | | | |
| Benning | Ru. | Benning public | Mrs. May Wilcox | Bennington | 1888 | Yes | 1,418 | Yes | | 100.00 | | 144 |
| Berkshire | Fr. | No | | | | | | | | | | 1,536 |
| Berlin | Wt. | No | | | | | | | | | | 1,911 |
| Bethel | Wt. | Bethel free | Mary Gilman | Bethel | 1892 | Yes | 1,200 | No | | 45.00 | | |
| " | " | East Bethel library association | Edith E. Fowler | East Bethel | 1892 | Yes | 380 | No | 250 | 20.00 | | |
| Bloomfield | Co. | No | | | | | | | | | | 544 |
| Bolton | Ch. | No | | | | | | | | | | 486 |
| Bradford | Or. | Bradford public | Mrs. Annie C. Spalding | Bradford | 1886 | No | 2,500 | No | | | | 1,886 |
| " | " | Merrill | | | 1886 | Yes | | | | | 75.00 | |

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| Braintree..... | Ors. | Braintree public..... | Lillian Batcheller..... | Braintree..... | 1908 | Yes | 800 | Yes | | | | 776 |
| Braintree..... | Ors. | Braintree branch..... | Mrs. Byron Wakefield..... | East Braintree..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Brandon..... | Ru. | Brandon free public..... | Mrs. F. E. Kingsley..... | Brandon..... | 1901 | Yes | 4,200 | No | 7,412 | \$ 200.00 | ..... | 2,769 |
| Brattleboro..... | Wim. | Brattleboro high school..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 150 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| " | Wim. | Brattleboro public..... | Mary F. Shakerobor..... | Brattleboro..... | 1882 | Yes | 18,000 | No | 31,068 | 2,000.00 | ..... | 6,640 |
| " | Wim. | Brattleboro retreat..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| " | Wim. | Brattleboro high school..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 400 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bridgewater..... | Ad. | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 972 |
| Brighton..... | Ad. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 966 |
| Bristol..... | Es. | Island Pond public..... | Leta J. Eaton..... | Island Pond..... | 1896 | Yes | 1,310 | Yes | 1,250 | 100.00 | ..... | 2,022 |
| Bristol..... | Ad. | Bristol free..... | Kate I. Stewart..... | Bristol..... | 1902 | Yes | 1,719 | Yes | 6,265 | 300.00 | ..... | 2,061 |
| Brookfield..... | Ors. | Brookfield town..... | Mrs. Laura A. Hood..... | Brookfield..... | 1791 | No | 2,500 | No | ..... | 25.00 | ..... | 966 |
| Brookline..... | Wim. | Brookfield high school..... | ..... | ..... | 1906 | Yes | 200 | No | 15 | ..... | ..... | 171 |
| Brownington..... | Ors. | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 746 |
| Brunswick..... | Es. | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 106 |
| Burke..... | Ca. | Burlington..... | Mrs. L. H. Wells..... | Burke..... | 1904 | Yes | 484 | Yes | 91 | 30.00 | ..... | 1,146 |
| " | Ca. | East Burke ladies lib. asso..... | Mrs. E. F. Root..... | East Burke..... | 1876 | No | 525 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| " | Ca. | West..... | Helen M. Boyce..... | West..... | 1894 | No | 1,265 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Burlington..... | Ch. | Fletcher free..... | George D. Smith..... | Burlington..... | 1874 | Yes | 50,000 | No | 41,562 | 5,000.00 | ..... | 13,640 |
| " | Ch. | Burlington high school..... | ..... | ..... | 1903 | No | 1,000 | No | ..... | 100.00 | ..... | ..... |
| " | Ch. | University of Vermont..... | Edith E. Clarke..... | Burlington..... | 1896 | Yes | 74,784 | No | 6,435 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| " | Ch. | ..... | W. B. Lance..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cabot..... | Wa. | Cabot town..... | Mrs. Josephine Converse..... | Cabot..... | 1896 | Yes | 806 | Yes | 280 | 50.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Calais..... | Wa. | Calais circulating..... | Mrs. Guy Ranncroft..... | Calais..... | 1832 | No | 1,204 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Cambridge..... | La. | East Calais circulating..... | Mrs. J. W. Raymore..... | East Calais..... | 1865 | No | 1,550 | No | 74 | 25.00 | ..... | 1,126 |
| " | La. | Cambridge public..... | ..... | Cambridge..... | 1901 | Yes | 412 | Yes | 802 | 25.00 | ..... | 1,101 |
| " | La. | Wilson memorial..... | A. M. Rice..... | Jeffersonville..... | 1904 | Yes | 746 | No | 1,077 | 25.00 | ..... | 1,606 |
| " | La. | Creendo club..... | Carrie Carroll..... | ..... | 1900 | Yes | 583 | Yes | 583 | 25.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Canaan..... | Es. | Canaan public..... | Mrs. Frank Rogers..... | Canaan..... | 1876 | Yes | 600 | Yes | 50 | 35.50 | ..... | 964 |
| Castleton..... | Ru. | Castleton free..... | Minnie A. Rice..... | Castleton..... | 1887 | Yes | 2,330 | Yes | 6,040 | 150.00 | 17.00 | 2,069 |
| Cavendish..... | Wim. | Fletcher town..... | E. G. White..... | Cavendish..... | 1870 | Yes | 3,092 | No | ..... | 150.00 | 60.00 | 1,352 |
| " | Wim. | Fletcher, Proctorville branch..... | William Adams..... | Proctorville..... | 1870 | Yes | 470 | No | 462 | 150.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Charlotte..... | Ors. | Reading circle..... | Mrs. Irving R. Wolcott..... | West Charleston..... | 1896 | Yes | 1,000 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,025 |
| Charlotte..... | Ors. | Breezy Point..... | ..... | ..... | 1896 | Yes | 1,653 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,264 |
| Chelsea..... | Or. | Chelsea public..... | Nellie M. Corwin..... | Chelsea..... | 1892 | Yes | 284 | No | 2,107 | 50.00 | 6.00 | 1,070 |
| Chelsea..... | Or. | Chelsea Academy..... | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Chester | W. Va. | Whiting | C. Gluevera Pollard | Chester | 1892 | Yes | 3,708 | No | 9 | \$ 300.00 | \$ 335.00 | 1,775 |
| Chittenden | Ru. | Chittenden free | F. J. Perry | Chittenden | 1894 | Yes | 300 | Yes | | 25.00 | | 921 |
| Chittenden | Ru. | No. Chittenden library asso. | Mrs. J. H. Davis | North Chittenden | 1902 | No | 300 | No | | | | 916 |
| Chittenden | Ch. | Winoski free | | | 1908 | Yes | 550 | Yes | | 350.00 | | 5,362 |
| Concord | Es. | King's daughters | Edith M. Brooks | Concord | 1888 | Yes | 400 | No | 400 | | | |
| Concord | Es. | Concord public | Mrs. S. A. Butterfield | East Corinth | 1900 | No | 900 | Yes | 1,200 | 25.00 | | 1,129 |
| Corinth | Ad. | Blake Memorial | Frank D. Manchester | Middlebury | 1901 | No | 1,800 | No | 1,000 | 40.00 | | 978 |
| Cornwall | Ad. | Cornwall free | | | 1905 | Yes | 648 | Yes | | | | 750 |
| Craftsbury | Ors. | No. | | | 1900 | No | | | | | | 728 |
| Craftsbury | Ors. | Craftsbury academy | Mrs. Laura C. Tupper | North Craftsbury | 1880 | Yes | 3,500 | No | 2,639 | 75.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,281 |
| Danbury | Ru. | S. L. Griffith Memorial | Mrs. H. Griffith | Danbury | 1908 | Yes | 9,000 | No | | | 50.00 | 1,698 |
| Danville | Ca. | Radical library association | Mrs. Hattie T. Currier | Danville | 1905 | No | 5,108 | No | | | 3,000.00 | 3,474 |
| Derby | Ors. | Haskell free | O. M. Carpenter | Derby Line | 1905 | Yes | 5,158 | No | 2,228 | | | 1,477 |
| Dorset | Ors. | Forced public | Hattie Gray | Dorset | 1870 | No | 1,214 | No | | | | 1,577 |
| Dorset | W. Va. | No. | | | | | | | | | | 503 |
| Dunsmuir | W. Va. | No. | | | | | | | | | | 798 |
| Dunsmuir | W. Va. | No. | | | | | | | | | | 778 |
| East Haven | Es. | No. | | | | | | | | | | 171 |
| East Montpelier | W. Va. | No. | | | | | | | | | | 1,001 |
| Eden | Es. | No. | | | | | | | | | | 738 |
| Elmore | Es. | No. | | | | | | | | | | 560 |
| Enosburg | Fr. | Enosburg public | Mrs. Clara M. Pratt | Enosburg Falls | 1896 | Yes | 2,192 | Yes | 5,730 | 200.00 | | 2,054 |
| Enosburg | Fr. | Enosburg Falls high school | E. J. Best | " | 1905 | No | 600 | No | | | | |
| Essex | Ch. | Essex free | Iraun M. Beach | Essex Junction | 1890 | Yes | 1,200 | Yes | | 50.00 | | 2,203 |
| Essex | Ch. | Essex Center branch | E. H. Lawrence | Essex | 1898 | | | | | | | |
| Fairfax | Fr. | Fairfax free | Mrs. A. B. Beeman | Fairfax | 1900 | Yes | 800 | Yes | | 25.00 | | 1,338 |
| Fairfax | Fr. | Academy | | | 1900 | Yes | 500 | | | | | |
| Fairfield | W. Va. | Fairfield town | W. H. Fairchild | Fairfield | 1901 | Yes | 370 | No | 25.00 | | | 1,830 |
| Fair Haven | Ru. | Fair Haven free | Ellen F. Dewey | Fair Haven | 1908 | Yes | 5,000 | No | 14,418 | 800.00 | 2,990 | 2,990 |
| Fairlee | Or. | Fairlee public | | | 1908 | Yes | 467 | Yes | 25.00 | | | 438 |
| Fayette | W. Va. | No. | | | | | | | | | | 466 |
| Ferrisburg | Ad. | No. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fletcher | Fr. | Fletcher free | W. S. Shephardson | Fletcher | 1906 | Yes | 430 | Yes | | 25.00 | 1,619 | 1,619 |
| Franklin | Fr. | Franklin free | C. W. Townsend | Franklin | 1890 | Yes | 700 | Yes | | 25.00 | | 750 |
| Georgia | Ge. | Georgia free public | Mrs. Almer Hiles | St. Albans | 1860 | Yes | 371 | Yes | 404 | 25.00 | | 1,146 |
| Georgia | Ge. | | | | | | | | | | | 1,290 |

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| Gloucesterbury. | Be. | No | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Glover. | Ors. | No | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 891 |
| Goshen. | Ad. | No | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2946 |
| Grafton. | Wim. | No | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 804 |
| Graby. | Es. | Grafton public. | Mrs. Thaddeus Park. | Grafton. | 1869 | Yes | 3,200 | No | ... | \$ 100.00 | \$ 20.00 | 142 |
| Granville. | Gr. | Graby town. | Mrs. Eva L. Wells. | Graby. | 1868 | Yes | 265 | Yes | ... | 15.00 | ... | 851 |
| Greenboro. | Ad. | Grand Isle library club. | Mrs. Edson Uford. | Grand Isle. | 1868 | No | 250 | No | 28 | 15.00 | ... | 544 |
| Groton. | Ors. | Granville free. | Harry Hubbard. | Granville. | 1865 | Yes | 433 | Yes | ... | 125.00 | ... | 874 |
| Guildhall. | Ca. | Greenboro free. | Mrs. Frances H. B. Jackson. | Greenboro. | 1900 | Yes | 1,625 | Yes | ... | 25.00 | ... | 1,049 |
| Gulldhal. | Es. | Groton public. | George N. Clark. | Groton. | 1865 | Yes | 737 | Yes | 1,400 | 50.00 | ... | 446 |
| Gulford. | Wim. | Gulldhal public. | Emeline Hayes. | Gulldhal. | 1900 | Yes | 1,340 | No | 1,142 | 40.00 | ... | 742 |
| Hallfax. | Ad. | Gulford free. | Mrs. E. H. Ward. | Gulford Center. | 1892 | Yes | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 602 |
| Hancock. | Ca. | No | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 251 |
| Hardwick. | Ad. | Jeddevine memorial. | Carrie P. Bridgman. | Hardwick. | 1897 | Yes | 977 | No | 5,645 | 300.00 | 323.00 | 2,406 |
| " | Ca. | Hathaway free. | " | " | 1896 | Yes | 1,199 | Yes | 4,350 | 200.00 | ... | ... |
| " | Wm. | School. | " | " | 1892 | No | 480 | No | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Hardford. | Wm. | Hardford public. | Fanny L. Wright. | Hardford. | 1892 | Yes | 3,000 | No | ... | ... | 225.00 | 3,517 |
| " | " | Gaze memorial. | Mrs. Charles H. Brown. | White River Junction. | 1907 | Yes | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| " | " | Wildor club. | Nelle Keihan. | Wildor. | 1899 | Yes | 1,400 | No | 1,738 | ... | 1,100.00 | ... |
| Hardland. | " | Quechee association. | Mrs. H. A. Allen. | Quechee. | 1894 | No | 1,231 | No | 952 | ... | ... | ... |
| Hickgate. | Fr. | Hardland public. | Laura Nelson. | Hardland. | 1898 | Yes | 1,000 | Yes | ... | 25.00 | ... | 1,340 |
| Hinesburg. | Ch. | Highgate public. | Josephine H. Lyon. | Highgate Center. | 1898 | Yes | 242 | Yes | ... | ... | ... | 1,940 |
| Holland. | Ors. | Hineburg public. | M. R. Frances. | Hineburg. | 1902 | Yes | 1,000 | Yes | 1,760 | 25.00 | ... | 1,216 |
| Hubbarton. | Ors. | No | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 898 |
| Huntington. | Ru. | No | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 488 |
| Hyde Park. | Ca. | No | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 728 |
| Ira. | La. | Hyde Park free public. | E. G. Page. | Hyde Park. | 1893 | Yes | 600 | No | 75 | 25.00 | ... | 1,472 |
| Jamaica. | Ors. | No | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 340 |
| Jay. | Wm. | Ira La Motte free public. | Cynthia N. Ritchie. | Ira La Motte. | 1907 | Yes | 387 | Yes | 880 | 15.00 | ... | 339 |
| Jericho. | Ors. | No | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 905 |
| Johnson. | Ch. | Jericho public. | Mrs. Jennie W. Hart. | Jericho. | 1890 | Yes | 1,000 | Yes | ... | 25.00 | ... | 500 |
| La. | La. | Johnson public. | ... | ... | 1895 | Yes | 1,118 | Yes | ... | 50.00 | ... | 1,473 |
| Kirby. | Ca. | New school. | Mrs. Almira S. Graves. | Lyndonville. | 1897 | Yes | 3,000 | Yes | ... | 100.00 | ... | 557 |
| " | " | Kirby free public. | ... | ... | 1893 | Yes | 608 | Yes | ... | 15.00 | ... | ... |

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| Newark. | Ca. | Ladies' library asso. | Mrs. M. L. Gray. | West Burke. | 1897 | Yes | 5,828 | No | 5,427 | \$150.00 | | 500 |
| Newbury. | Ore. | Tenney memorial. | Frances M. Atkinson. | Newbury. | 1897 | Yes | 2,000 | No | 2,022 | | | 2,125 |
| Newfauc. | Wim. | Wells River lib. asso. | Mrs. Caroline Parker. | Wells River. | 1898 | No | 4,010 | No | 3,280 | | \$135.00 | 905 |
| New Haven. | Ad. | Moore free. | Mrs. P. C. Moore. | Newfauc. | 1911 | Yes | 400 | Yes | 25.00 | | Int. on | 1,107 |
| Newport. | Ore. | New Haven town. | George C. Coates. | New Haven. | 1899 | Yes | 7,850 | No | 22,790 | 170.00 | \$32,000 | 3,118 |
| Northfield. | Wa. | Goodrich memorial. | Lizzie M. Sargent. | Newport. | 1905 | Yes | 1,500 | No | 9,193 | 500.00 | | 2,855 |
| " | " | Newport public. | Ellen L. Brown. | Northfield. | 1819 | Yes | 500 | No | | | | |
| " | " | Northfield high school. | Beattie Silverthorn. | " | 1881 | No | 8,000 | No | | | | 712 |
| North Hero. | Gr. | Norwich University lib. | Mrs. Ellen Knight. | Norwich. | 1881 | Yes | 650 | Yes | 75 | | | 1,303 |
| Norton. | Be. | Norwich public. | Mrs. Myra F. Davis. | Orange. | 1896 | Yes | 1,538 | Yes | 3,144 | 150.00 | | 692 |
| Orange. | Ore. | Orange public town. | Addie M. Raymond. | Orwell. | 1896 | Yes | | | | | | 598 |
| Orwell. | Ad. | Orwell free. | " | " | | | | | | | | 1,150 |
| Panton. | " | No. | " | " | | | | | | | | 409 |
| " | " | " | " | " | | | | | | | | |
| Pawlet. | Ru. | Pawlet public. | Orlando Buebee. | Pawlet. | 1908 | Yes | 1,018 | Yes | 4,000 | 200.00 | | 1,731 |
| Peacham. | Ca. | Juvenile library asso. | Anna B. Renfrew. | Peacham. | 1810 | No | 2,298 | No | | | 90.00 | 784 |
| Penn. | Be. | Penn free. | Mrs. John Russell. | Penn. | 1895 | Yes | 600 | Yes | 770 | 15.00 | | 373 |
| Pittsfield. | Ru. | Pittsfield free town. | William A. Fish. | Pittsfield. | 1901 | Yes | 355 | Yes | 9,004 | 25.00 | | 485 |
| Pittsford. | Ru. | Madure | Bertha M. Shaw. | Pittsford. | 1797 | Yes | 6,346 | No | | 800.42 | 75.00 | 1,866 |
| Plainfield. | Wa. | No. | " | " | | | | | | | | 716 |
| Plymouth. | Wim. | Plymouth Union. | Olivia B. Cranford. | Plymouth Union. | 1905 | Yes | 2,564 | No | 4,860 | 75.00 | | 646 |
| Pomfret. | Ru. | Abbott memorial. | Mrs. A. D. Chamberlain. | Pomfret. | 1895 | Yes | 4,848 | Yes | 9,978 | 500.00 | | 777 |
| Poultney. | Ru. | Poultney public. | Adelaide P. Kilborn. | Poultney. | 1881 | Yes | 6,200 | No | 11,259 | 444.50 | Inc. of \$10,000 | 3,108 |
| Pownal. | Be. | No. | " | " | | | | | | | | 1,978 |
| Proctor. | Ru. | Proctor public. | Mary K. Norton. | Proctor. | 1896 | Yes | 150 | | | | | 2,136 |
| " | " | Proctor high school. | " | " | | | | | | | | |
| Putney. | Wim. | Putney public. | Freeda C. Pember. | Putney. | 1896 | Yes | 1,843 | Yes | 4,593 | 200.00 | 18.93 | 999 |
| Randolph. | Ore. | Randolph public. | Alice C. McIntyre. | Randolph. | 1896 | Yes | 6,447 | Yes | 16,316 | 800.00 | 90.00 | 3,141 |
| Reading. | Wim. | Randolph Normal sch. | Minnie C. Fay. | Reading. | 1896 | Yes | 3,500 | Yes | 1,864 | 68.59 | Int. on | 649 |
| Readboro. | Be. | Reading public. | A. P. Bishop. | Readboro. | 1899 | Yes | 1,022 | Yes | 2,700 | 85.00 | \$100 | 1,139 |
| Readboro. | Be. | Readboro free. | " | " | | | | | | | | |
| Richford. | Fr. | Arvin A. Brown. | Mrs. A. K. Brown. | Richford. | 1895 | Yes | 2,086 | No | 6,939 | | | 2,421 |
| " | " | Richford high school. | " | " | | | 400 | No | | | | |

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| Richmond..... | Ch. | Jonas Barber free. | Helen M. Kimball..... | Richmond..... | 1888 | Yes | | No | | \$ 78.00 | | 1,057 |
| Ripton..... | Ad. | Ripton free. | Agnes R. Billings..... | Ripton..... | 1895 | Yes | 430 | Yes | ..... | 15.00 | ..... | 525 |
| Rochester..... | Wt. | Rochester free. | Achsaah H. Guernsey..... | Rochester..... | 1898 | Yes | 1,500 | Yes | ..... | 200.00 | ..... | 1,250 |
| Rockingham..... | Wim. | Kockingham free pub. | Mrs. E. J. Plantier..... | Bellows Falls..... | 1898 | Yes | 9,000 | Yes | 24,528 | 1,200.00 | ..... | 5,809 |
| Roxbury..... | Wa. | Vermont Academy..... | No..... | Saxon's River..... | 1866 | Yes | 4,000 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | 712 |
| Royalton..... | Wt. | Royalton free public. | Seymour Culver..... | Royalton..... | 1896 | Yes | 950 | Yes | ..... | 40.00 | ..... | 1,427 |
| Rupert..... | Be. | No..... | No..... | Royalton..... | 1896 | No | 400 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | 863 |
| Rutland..... | Ra. | Rutland free. | Lucy D. Cheney..... | Rutland..... | 1866 | Yes | 16,400 | No | 62,218 | 2,250.00 | ..... | 11,499 |
| " Town of " | " | H. H. Baxter memorial | Mrs. A. P. Riker..... | ..... | 1890 | Yes | 20,000 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Ryegate..... | Ca. | Ryegate free public. | Mrs. F. M. Powers..... | Ryegate..... | 1895 | Yes | 819 | Yes | 500 | 75.00 | ..... | 995 |
| " | " | South Ryegate branch | Marion J. Hall..... | South Ryegate..... | ..... | Yes | 340 | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| " | " | Whitehill..... | Mrs. L. J. Mills..... | Groton..... | 1901 | Yes | 350 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| St. Albans..... | Fr. | St. Albans free. | Bertha C. Jernison..... | St. Albans..... | 1865 | Yes | 6,800 | No | 15,538 | 800.00 | 300.00 | 6,239 |
| " Town of " | " | St. Albans high school | ..... | ..... | ..... | No | 600 | No | ..... | ..... | Income of | 1,715 |
| St. George..... | Ch. | No..... | E. T. Fairbanks..... | St. Johnsbury..... | 1871 | Yes | 18,000 | No | 25,551 | ..... | \$80,000 | 7,010 |
| St. Johnsbury..... | Ca. | St. Johnsbury Athen'm of Fairbanks Museum of Natural Science. | Delia I. Griffin..... | St. Johnsbury..... | 1890 | Yes | 656 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| " | " | St. Johnsbury Academy | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Salisbury..... | Ad. | Salisbury public. | Samuel H. Kelley..... | West Salisbury..... | 1901 | Yes | 955 | Yes | ..... | 50.00 | ..... | 682 |
| Sandgate..... | Be. | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 482 |
| Seaburg..... | " | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 161 |
| Shaftsbury..... | " | No..... | ..... | South Shaftsbury | 1874 | No | 850 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,857 |
| Sharon..... | Wt. | Sharon free. | Mrs. Fred Eddy..... | Sharon..... | 1898 | Yes | 1,000 | No | ..... | 25.00 | ..... | 709 |
| Sheffield..... | Ca. | Sharon free public. | Mrs. E. P. Slack..... | Sheffield..... | 1906 | Yes | 188 | Yes | ..... | 15.00 | ..... | 724 |
| Shelburne..... | Ch. | Shelburne free. | Mrs. J. H. Nelson..... | Shelburne..... | 1895 | Yes | 1,885 | Yes | 2,939 | 150.00 | ..... | 1,202 |
| " | " | Shelburne high school | Miss H. E. Tracy..... | Shelburne..... | 1895 | Yes | 250 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Sheldon..... | Fr. | Sheldon free public. | W. B. Curtis..... | Sheldon..... | 1895 | Yes | 1,708 | Yes | 2,882 | 200.00 | 120.00 | 1,841 |
| Sherburne..... | Ra. | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 402 |
| Shoreham..... | Ad. | Platt memorial. | Mrs. F. H. Witherell..... | Shoreham..... | 1898 | Yes | 1,417 | Yes | ..... | 100.00 | ..... | 1,198 |
| Shrewsbury..... | Ra. | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 985 |
| Somerset..... | Wim. | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 67 |
| So. Burlington..... | Ch. | | | | | | | | | | | 971 |
| So. Hero..... | Gr. | So. Hero public. | Julia D. Hall..... | South Hero..... | 1895 | Yes | | Yes | | 25.00 | | 917 |

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| Springfield | Wit. | Springfield town. | Mrs. Kate W. Barney. | Springfield. | 1870 | Yes | 5,985 | No | 40,745 | \$1,100.00 | \$ 183.52 | 8,432 |
| Stamford | Re. | Stamford Public. | Mary C. Morrissey. | No Adams, Mass. | 1895 | Yes | 482 | Yes | 610 | 15.00 | ..... | 677 |
| Stannard | Ca. | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 222 |
| Starkboro | Ad. | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 904 |
| Stockbridge | Wit. | Stockbridge free public | John A. Chedel. | Gaysville. | 1895 | Yes | 280 | Yes | ..... | 100.00 | 350.00 | 822 |
| Stowe | La. | Belcher | ..... | " | 1896 | Yes | 2,984 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,926 |
| Stratford | Ore. | Stowe high school. | Mrs. M. A. Jenney. | Stowe | 1868 | Yes | 5,000 | No | ..... | ..... | 80.00 | 1,000 |
| Stratton | Wim. | Harris | Helen D. Moore. | Straford. | 1855 | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 80.00 | 271 |
| Sudbury | Ru. | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 474 |
| Sunderland | Be. | Sunderland | J. M. Gregory. | Arlington. | 1896 | Yes | 350 | Yes | ..... | 15.00 | ..... | 518 |
| Sutton | Ca. | Sutton free. | Mrs. L. B. Wilson. | Sutton. | 1896 | Yes | 860 | Yes | 53 | 25.00 | ..... | 694 |
| Swanton | Fr. | Ladies library league. | Elizabeth Rogers. | Swanton. | 1899 | Yes | 3,400 | Yes | 9,150 | 200.00 | (Int on \$1.50M) | 3,745 |
| Thetford | Ore. | Swanton public school | Mrs. F. E. Gary. | Thetford. | 1877 | Yes | 500 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,249 |
| Tinmouth | " | Latham memorial | Mrs. A. L. Dodge. | Post Mills. | 1866 | Yes | 2,600 | No | ..... | ..... | 120.00 | 404 |
| Topsham | Ru. | Peabody. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5,000 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,117 |
| Townshend | Ore. | No | Mrs. Ellen M. Plumb. | Townshend. | 1899 | Yes | 450 | Yes | ..... | 50.00 | ..... | 838 |
| Troy | Wim. | Townshend Free | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,467 |
| Tunbridge | Ora. | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 885 |
| Underhill | Ch. | No | Mrs. W. J. Fuller. | Underhill Center. | 1903 | Yes | 575 | Yes | ..... | 25.00 | ..... | 1,140 |
| Vergennes | Ad. | Vergennes city | Adella V. Ingham. | Vergennes. | 1876 | No | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,753 |
| Vernon | Wim. | Vt. Industrial school. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Vershire | Ore. | Vernon free public. | Mrs. E. H. Akley. | Dummer. | 1905 | Yes | 1,244 | Yes | ..... | 25.00 | ..... | 578 |
| Victory | Es. | Vershire public. | ..... | Vershire | 1495 | Yes | 1,040 | Yes | ..... | 15.00 | ..... | 641 |
| Waitsfield | Wa. | Victory public. | Mrs. L. J. Houston. | Gallups Mills. | 1897 | Yes | 280 | Yes | ..... | 15.00 | ..... | 321 |
| Walden | Ca. | Waitsfield town | Mrs. Flora Moriarty. | Waitsfield. | 1900 | Yes | 600 | Yes | ..... | 75.00 | ..... | 760 |
| Wallingford | Ru. | Walden free public. | George T. Eastman. | South Walden. | 1896 | Yes | 490 | Yes | ..... | 25.00 | ..... | 764 |
| Walton | Ad. | Gilbert Hart. | May L. Congdon. | Wallingford. | 1894 | Yes | 4,000 | No | 7,567 | 440.80 | 100.00 | 1,575 |
| Warren | Wim. | No | ..... | Wardshoro | 1899 | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 264 |
| Warren | Wa. | Wardshoro free. | Mrs. A. M. Farnum. | Warren | 1899 | Yes | 267 | Yes | 55 | 15.00 | ..... | 687 |
| Washington | Ore. | Warren public. | Mrs. M. R. Goodspeed. | Washington. | 1880 | Yes | 700 | Yes | ..... | 25.00 | ..... | 826 |
| Waterbury | Wa. | Washington town. | Mrs. George Downing. | Waterbury. | 1888 | Yes | 8,000 | Yes | 5,059 | 250.00 | | 820 |
| | | Waterbury public. | Mrs. Alice M. Smith. | | | | | | | | | 2,810 |

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| Waterbury | W.a. | Ineane Asylum | Caroline H. Streeter | Waterford | 1896 | Yes | 494 | No | 700 | \$ 25.00 | | 705 |
| Waterford | Ca. | Waterford free public | Mrs. Anna S. Beard | Waterville | 1896 | Yes | 270 | Yes | 39 | 15.00 | \$ 25.00 | 529 |
| Waterville | La. | Waterville free | Nellie P. Blanchard | Acuteville | 1903 | Yes | 1,196 | No | 39 | 150.00 | | 1,089 |
| Weathersfield | Wir. | Proctor | | | | | | | | | | 806 |
| Wells | Ru. | No. | | | | | | | | | | 531 |
| West Fairlee | Ore. | Town | Maude A. Bliss | West Fairlee | 1905 | Yes | 800 | Yes | 90 | 25.00 | | 646 |
| Westfield | " | Westfield town | Emery S. Miller | Westfield | 1896 | Yes | 700 | No | 46 | 15.00 | | 888 |
| Westford | Ch. | Westford town | P. G. Goodrich | Westford | 1895 | Yes | 782 | Yes | 508 | 25.00 | | 855 |
| West Haven | Ru. | West Haven free | Mrs. S. R. Hitchcock | West Haven | 1899 | Yes | 417 | Yes | 855 | 72.00 | | 1,390 |
| Westminster | Wir. | Ladies' Aid Society | E. C. Fisher | Westminster | 1870 | Yes | 1,064 | Yes | 53 | | 45.00 | 766 |
| Westmore | Wir. | Westmore public | Mrs. D. O. Marston | Westmore | 1896 | Yes | 875 | Yes | 42 | | | 2,914 |
| Weston | Ora. | Weston free | George H. Cornum | Weston | 1898 | Yes | 1,085 | Yes | 6,470 | 55.00 | | 518 |
| West Rutland | Ru. | West Rutland | Agnes A. Carmody | West Rutland | 1881 | Yes | 1,910 | No | 5,000 | 75.00 | | 518 |
| West Windsor | Wir. | Mary L. Blood memorial | J. A. Savage | Brownsville | 1901 | Yes | 1,075 | Yes | 5,000 | | | 567 |
| Weybridge | Ad. | Cotton free public | Mrs. H. L. Thompson | Middlebury | 1899 | Yes | 1,700 | Yes | 5,000 | 15.00 | | 861 |
| Whitcomb | Ca. | Whitcomb public | Mrs. G. L. Geary | Whitcomb | 1897 | Yes | 1,227 | Yes | 800 | 25.00 | | 1,042 |
| Whitingham | Ad. | Whitingham free | Mrs. Kate Ketcham | Whitingham | 1898 | No | 300 | No | 1,200 | | | 1,610 |
| Williamstown | Wir. | Williamstown free | Mrs. Robert M. Chase | Williamstown | 1900 | Yes | 450 | Yes | 1,200 | | | 1,176 |
| " | Ore. | High school | George E. Wilber | Williamstown | 1801 | No | 3,800 | No | 25 | 25.00 | | 1,221 |
| Williston | Ch. | Williston public | Sylvia A. Warren | Williston | 1905 | Yes | 503 | Yes | 200.00 | | | 356 |
| Wilmington | Wir. | Pette memorial | Lettie E. Kingsley | Wilmington | 1895 | Yes | 1,705 | Yes | 15,468 | 400.00 | 525.00 | 2,119 |
| Windham | Wir. | Windham public | Mrs. Emory H. Jones | Windham | 1895 | Yes | 700 | Yes | 15,468 | | | 449 |
| Windsor | " | Windsor town | Jennie C. Penniman | Windsor | 1888 | Yes | 10,000 | No | 1,500 | | | 1,066 |
| " | " | Vt. State prison | Fred W. Johnson | " | ..... | No | 1,400 | Yes | 1,500 | | | 2,79 |
| Winhall | Be. | No. | | | | | | | | | | 2,557 |
| Wolcott | La. | No. | | | | | | | | | | 686 |
| Woodbury | Wir. | Woodbury public | Maude E. Daniels | Woodbury | 1896 | Yes | 480 | Yes | 26.00 | | | 2,557 |
| Woodford | Be. | Woodford city | Mrs. O. B. Jaquith | Woodstock | 1894 | Yes | 150 | No | 21,779 | | | 686 |
| Woodstock | Wir. | Norman Williams | | Woodstock | 1885 | Yes | 16,018 | No | | | | |
| Worcester | W.a. | No. | | | | | | | | | | |

LIST OF PLATES.

Barre, Aldrich Library.

Danby, S. L. Griffith Memorial Library.

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| " | " | " | " | Stack Room. |
| " | " | " | " | Children's Room. |
| " | " | " | " | Reading Room. |
| " | " | " | " | Librarian's Desk. |
| " | " | " | " | Curio Case. |

Traveling Library, Exterior.

" " Interior.

White River Junction, Gates Memorial Library.

Rutland, H. H. Baxter Memorial Library.

" " Memorial Library.

Pomfret, Abbott Memorial Library, in Winter.

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| " | " | " | " | in Summer. |
| " | " | " | " | Stack Room. |
| " | " | " | " | Picture Exhibit |
| " | " | " | " | Reading Room |

Bennington Center, Old Academy Library.

Franklin, Haston Library.

Westfield, Hitchcock Memorial Library.

Hagar, Sarah C.

Fair Haven, Carnegie Library.

" " " " Interior.

Brownsville, Mary L. Blood Library.

Northfield, Norwich University Library.

Isle La Motte, Public Library.

Arlington, Residence Containing Library.

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TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

The Board of Library Commissioners herewith submits its biennial report for the term ending June 30, 1910.

At the last session of the General Assembly, important legislation was adopted conferring larger powers and imposing new duties upon this board and at the same time granting increased appropriations. The law creating a Board of Library Commissioners and defining its powers and duties is printed elsewhere in this report.

The most important amendment to the library law made by the last General Assembly was that which authorized the board to assist those libraries in the smaller towns that render useful assistance to the country schools, and districts remote from the library. For this purpose an annual appropriation of one thousand dollars was placed at the disposal of the board. This appropriation enabled the board during the year, from December 1, 1908, to December 1, 1909, to assist thirty-eight towns with gifts of carefully selected collections of books, costing from twenty to thirty-five dollars each. In arranging this work, the board required a formal application and an assurance that there should be work done beyond the usual routine, and at the end of the year a report was requested from each town that received such assistance in order that the board might know the value of this work and plan its future policy. Of these thirty-eight towns, twenty-one have done substantial work in the small country schools and several have maintained branch or traveling libraries in their remote sections.

The present year brought sixty-three applications for annual aid, of these twenty-two are from towns which did not apply the first year. Owing to the limited appropriation the board felt constrained to grant assistance to only forty-five of this number, and fears that this may have discouraged some small libraries and injured the public welfare, but it seems unwise and beneath the dignity of the state to grant assistance of less than twenty dollars annually to any one town.

Since our last report, new libraries have been established by the aid of the state in the towns of Belvidere, Bennington,



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Bridport, Charleston, Glover, Plymouth, Richmond and Whiting. The towns of Brookfield and Goshen, after having voted to apply for state aid, have, for local reasons, failed to do so. The towns of Lowell and Huntington have started libraries without the aid of the state.

During the same period new library buildings have been erected in Bellows Falls, which has received assistance from Mr. Carnegie; in Johnson by the Ladies' Oread Club; in Quechee by the Library Association of that place; in Weston by the heirs of John Wilder; and in Wardsboro, the Gleason Memorial Hall, by Mr. James M. Gleason.

Through the enterprise of public spirited associations and private benevolence Vermont now has seventy-two library buildings as memorials of the generosity of the donors, many



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of whom have left the state, and as evidence of Vermont's ambition for the best in life and letters. These buildings, scattered through the state, give proof of the spirit of progress which is constantly increasing.

In the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Shelburne, South Hero and Swanton money is being raised for the purpose of erecting new library buildings, and Bristol has been given \$8,000 by

Hon. W. A. Lawrence for a library building. During the same term large gifts or bequests for library purposes have been received by the towns of Danville, Lunenburg, Newbury, Pittsford, Reading, St. Johnsbury, Strafford, Wilmington and Windsor.

Of our two hundred forty-six towns and cities, all but sixty-seven have libraries, and of these seventeen have traveling library stations. All but nineteen of the established libraries are free, and the reason these are not free is generally the condition of some gift, or the sentiment connected with some time honored tradition. It is a matter of regret that such things should, in several towns, impede that freedom which is the goal and ideal of public usefulness.



PUBLIC LIBRARY, JOHNSON—READING TABLE

The board held its second annual institute for librarians at Middlebury College, July 12-17, 1909, and its third at St. Johnsbury Academy, June 20-25, 1910. The purpose of these institutes, in assembling and instructing the librarians of the state, finds its result and reward in the training and development of a professional corps of workers inspired by the ideal of public service and ambitious for the best methods and the largest usefulness. The attendance has been very good, averaging about

thirty, and the interest aroused continues to increase. Instruction has been given in cataloging and the technical part of library work and also in book mending and methods of reaching the public. The expense of attendance has been cut to the lowest possible point by the careful provision of the board. The recently amended law authorizes the payment of the same from the general fund of the towns, and such expenses should be paid freely, for the librarians generally give generously of their time and work for very meagre compensation.

Since our last report the board has held quarterly public meetings for the advancement of library work as follows: Pomfret, September 8, 1908; Lyndonville, January 28, 1909; Swanton, April 29, 1909; Proctorsville, November 19, 1909; Bellows Falls, January 28, 1910; Johnson, April 29, 1910. It has also supplied speakers on library work with schools for teachers' meetings at Bakersfield, Burlington, Morrisville and Rutland. At several of these meetings exhibits of books, pamphlets, pictures and library devices have been shown which have been found very profitable, and it is planned to send similar ones to the state and county fairs and teachers' meetings.

The board has been represented by its Secretary or some of its members at the following meetings held outside the state.

New York library meeting, Lake Placid, 1905.

A. L. A., Narragansett Pier, 1906.

New Jersey and Pennsylvania joint meeting, Atlantic City, 1908.

New Hampshire library meeting, Keene, 1908.

Massachusetts Library Club, Deerfield, 1908.

New England Library Commission Club, Hartford, 1909.

A. L. A., Bretton Woods, 1909.

New York library meeting, Lake George, 1909.

New England Library Commission Club, Hartford, 1910.

League of Library Commissions, eastern section, Albany, 1910.

Joint New England Association meeting, Princeton, Mass., 1910.

We continue to publish a quarterly bulletin which is sent



TOWN LIBRARY, WINDSOR

to all Vermont libraries, colleges, normal schools, high schools, academies and superintendents of schools, as well as to the newspapers and a large mailing list both within and without the state, and we are pleased to report that we have received many appreciative expressions as to its value.

One of the difficult problems for our librarians is the choice and purchase of books and we have tried in many ways to lessen this difficulty, not only by aid and advice, but by furnishing the monthly book lists of the American Library Association and lists especially prepared for small libraries to every public library. Thirty-four free copies of the magazine, "Public Libraries," have been given as heretofore and two thousand copies of Mr. Wyer's address before the State Teachers' Association at Burlington in October, 1909, were printed and distributed to schools and libraries.

The Secretary of the board has aided in cataloging the libraries in Bridport, Franklin, Groton, Hartland, Jericho, Proctorsville and Weston, and has visited Addison, Barnard, Barre, Bellows Falls, Bennington, Benson, Duxbury, East Bethel, Eden, Essex, Fair Haven, Greensboro, Hardwick, Highgate, Hubbardton, Jeffersonville, Lowell, Lyndonville, Marshfield, Middlebury, Milton, Montpelier, Morrisville, Northfield, Pomfret, Quechee, Readsboro, Richmond, Royalton, Rutland, St. Albans, St. Johnsbury, Swanton, Thetford, Vergennes, Vershire, Walden Waterbury, Waterville, Weathersfield, West Haven, West Windsor, White River Junction, Whitingham, Williston, Wilmington, Windsor, Winooski, Woodbury and Woodstock, in connection with the library work of those places.

The board has found it advisable to cooperate as far as possible with other state boards and commissions, and acknowledges the assistance and cooperation of the Superintendent of Education, the School Supervisors, the State Forester and Commissioner of Agriculture.

The librarians of the state, in the Vermont Library Association, continue an organization of great value to Vermont. Its work of development and encouragement of libraries and librarians deserves the recognition of the state, and has been of great assistance to the Library Commission. Its Publicity Committee has for two years kept the state press regularly supplied with

library items. A report from the Executive Board of the Association is included in this report.

The value of our traveling libraries is proved by their greatly increased use. We are gratified by the favorable reports from the schools which have used our school libraries. The stereographic views and pictures which we have recently added to our traveling libraries for schools have received high commendation from the teachers. We regret that our means have



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not enabled us to meet and satisfy the demand, and that we have been thus hindered from developing this branch of our work to its utmost.

An increase of the appropriation for traveling library purposes to one thousand dollars, and of the appropriation for annual aid to fifteen hundred dollars, and of the general appropriation to twenty-five hundred dollars would be of great advantage to the state.

There is a wide field for work by our board in the state institutions. In many states large sums are devoted to this

special field. We have tried to help by placing traveling libraries in the State Prison, House of Correction, Industrial School and State Hospital for the Insane. The libraries have been well used and read, but it is not the ideal way to supply the inmates with reading matter. These institutions are peculiarly liable to infectious and contagious diseases and each one requires a class of books especially suited to its needs. In the House of



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Correction and Industrial School particularly, there is need of books that can be used in connection with school work. Evening classes are held in the House of Correction, which is for many of the prisoners the only chance that they may ever have to learn from books. During the year over a thousand men,

women and boys pass through here and go out again to become either better or worse citizens. Very few of those in State Prison remain there for life. The influence of proper reading for such and for those in the Insane Hospital can not be questioned, and they should have books selected especially for their needs, which remain a permanent part of their institution and which are constantly under the supervision of some one with a knowledge of the choice and purchase of books and their care.

It would seem that this work would fall naturally to the Library Commission, as in some other states, in joint consultation with the Superintendents of these institutions. For this purpose the board would recommend a special appropriation of one hundred dollars annually for each state institution, to be spent for the purchase and care of books for their permanent use.

At present the State Prison has several hundred volumes in an unclean and ragged condition, many of which are unsuited to their readers' needs, the House of Correction has a few books of the same description, mostly cast-off gifts, and of unattractive print and binding, the Industrial School has some good books, but insufficient in number for their use, and the Insane Hospital practically no books or library at all for the patients' use. The Soldiers' Home at Bennington could use many more books than it has, but the need there is not so urgent. All of these state institutions are so well managed in every other department, and so ably conducted by the present Superintendents that it seems a pity that the state should not provide for adequate reading and books by having permanent libraries established here by the board as well as in the towns and other schools of the state. That the inmates will read has been proved by their use of the traveling libraries which is noted in the traveling library report.

Since our last report Mrs. M. H. Buckham of Burlington has resigned from the board after long and valuable service, and Miss Fanny B. Fletcher of Proctorsville has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

The board conceives that its duty is to continue its work of popularizing the library, to make it known to every man, woman and child in the state, to attract and satisfy our farmers,

workmen and professional men, and we realize that the most certain way to reach the greatest number and to do the most good is to make the library reach and attract the children.

To that end we have labored by means of books, stereographs and other pictures, by personal work, and by other means of interest, with teachers, supervisors, town officers and the public press and we feel sure that our work is beneficial to the state.

MARCH M. WILSON, *Chairman.*

Randolph, Vt., Aug. 4, 1910.

TRAVELING LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

We are now completing ten years' experience with traveling libraries, and report continued and increasing demand for them in all departments. The use of the general libraries has nearly doubled. In some cases the stations have formed permanent libraries, and so have dropped from the list of borrowers. Other stations have dropped out for other reasons



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and new communities have been added to the list. A new growth has been in the direction of libraries on special subjects, and school libraries. These have been limited only by the means at our command to supply them. We have feared to advertise

school libraries very much this past year because we have not had enough libraries to meet the increasing demand.

During the past two years we have added 8 general libraries, 14 school libraries, 16 study club collections, and various sets of pictures to our equipment.

We have also endeavored to meet the needs, so far as we could, of our state institutions. Two libraries of 50 volumes each were sent to the Industrial School at Vergennes. The Superintendent there reports that the books just suited their needs and were much used and enjoyed by the children, but he



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would prefer to have the collection owned by the school increased to meet their needs.

Three libraries, 127 volumes in all, were sent to the Vermont State Hospital at Waterbury; these have been used by the patients to some extent, but would have been used more if the

books could have been exchanged through the different wards; and if it had not been necessary to return the books, they could have been lent to violent patients more freely.

A traveling library of 60 volumes was sent to the House of Correction; 194 readers read 1,469 books while the library was there. "Dawson's German Life in Town and Country," was the most popular book, having been read 53 times, "David Copperfield," "Man Without a Country" and "D'ri and I," came next; each was used 36 times. No book was taken out less than five times. Books for collateral reading are greatly needed for use in the evening classes.

Each year for three years a traveling library has been sent to the state prison, in all 161 volumes. The books here are handled very carefully by the prisoners and much read. The popular demand is for a better class of reading than the average patron of a public library calls for. From the last library "Butler's Story of Athens" was taken out 36 times, Johnson's "What They See in New England," 34 times; De Blowitz's "Memoirs" and Denning's "Mosaics from India," each 35 times; Cooper's "Spy," 34 times, and Geikie's "Scottish Reminiscences," 33 times. "Les Miserables" is always popular.

Each cell is provided with electric light. The men have considerable time to read and are very grateful for the privilege of books. It seems a misfortune that no better provision is made for a permanent library for them.

It may be of interest to know what some of the people who use the libraries are saying to us. We select the following brief extracts from a few letters:

"I will take this occasion to report to you the rapid progress we are making with the use of the branch library we have here now. The results are very gratifying, the interest shown being far beyond our expectations. They are all very good books which interest our young and old readers to a great extent. The only trouble I am having now, is that the demand exceeds our supply."

"In visiting school, Thursday, I found the teacher and pupils much interested in the library recently sent. If all your work meets the satisfactory results that this part of it does, the traveling library is proving a great factor in helping our state

to a higher plane. While our care was that the pupils might have a chance to read something else than the text-books, their parents are now becoming interested."

"Books meet the needs of the people perfectly. You could not have chosen more wisely had you known us."

"The contents look very inviting. If the children do not enthusiastically enjoy it, I shall be ashamed of them. But I am sure they will."

"The results have been far better than we expected, for while the children have been reading books in connection with their school work that they would not have had a chance to read otherwise, the teacher tells me that there has been a considerable interest on the part of the parents which has been very gratifying."

In answer to many inquiries we re-state what must be done to procure a traveling library:

Send to the Superintendent of the department or the Secretary of the commission for an application blank. This blank, when filled out and signed by three citizens, states the name of the person who is to act as librarian and have charge of the correspondence regarding the library. It also contains an agreement to return the library within six months from its reception, to pay transportation charges and to make good any losses beyond reasonable wear.

The law requires the signatures of but three citizens. But it is always well to have a larger number behind the movement. The very best plan is to form a library association of the most progressive people, men and women, young and old, who shall plan for the reception and care of the library and shall work together to create as wide an interest in it as possible. This association often makes a center of social life in a small town.

With each library is furnished a sufficient number of annotated lists of the books contained therein for all families in the community. These are designed to arouse interest and aid in making a selection of books desired. The expense of transportation of the books varies with the size of the library and the distance it must go, from fifty cents to a dollar and a half. The express companies make a reduction of half the regular rate on the return.

We submit the following statistics:

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| Number of volumes in general libraries | 2,295 |
| Number of volumes in study club collections | 810 |
| Number of volumes in school libraries | 600 |
| Total | 3,705 |
| Number of books sent out | 5,505 |
| Number of readers | 3,294 |
| Circulation reported: | |
| Adult fiction | 6,123 |
| Adult non-fiction | 4,328 |
| Juvenile books | 5,801 |
| Number of library stations | 85 |
| Added during the past two years | 58 |
| Dropped during the past two years | 29 |
| Collections of pictures. | |
| 100 stereographs of Scotland and Ireland. | |
| 100 stereographs of Spain. | |
| 100 stereographs of the Philippines. | |
| 12 stereographs of coal and coke industries. | |
| 12 stereographs of lumbering. | |
| 18 stereographs of cotton. | |
| (The above with stereoscopes). | |
| 20 photographs of Proctor marble quarries. | |
| 20 photographic enlargements of snowflakes. | |
| Mounted Perry, Brown, Cosmos and Mumford pictures. | |
| Colored pictures of fruits, birds, animals, flowers, shells, | |
| fish and Indians. | |
| Reproductions of famous paintings and historic places. | |
| Portraits of authors and musicians. | |
| Pictures of trees. | |
| 119 views of library buildings in Vermont. | |
| 60 library views outside Vermont. | |
| 1 set of Hough's mounted sections of wood. | |

SUBJECTS OF SPECIAL COLLECTIONS OF BOOKS FOR STUDY CLUBS.

American Indians,
Art,
Canada,

Child Study,
Eminent Women,
England,

Florence,
 France,
 Home Economics,
 India,
 Ireland,
 Japan,
 Library helps,
 Missions,
 Music,
 Nature Study,
 New England Authors,

New York City,
 Renaissance Period,
 Scotland,
 Shakespeare,
 Spain,
 Teachers' helps,
 Tennyson,
 United States Colonial History,
 Vermont,
 Washington, D. C.

SUSAN H. SMITH,
For the Commission.

TRAVELING LIBRARY STATIONS.

Arlington,
 Bakersfield,
 Barre,
 Bethel, East, 2 stations,
 Bolton,
 Braintree, 2 stations,
 Bridgewater,
 Bridgewater, West,
 Brookfield,
 Calais,
 Cambridge, 2 stations,
 Cambridge, Jeffersonville, 2
 stations,
 Charleston,
 Charlotte,
 Danville, 2 stations,
 Dummerston,
 Elmore,
 Enosburg,
 Essex Center,
 Essex Junction,
 Fairfax,
 Fletcher,
 Franklin, 2 stations,
 Halifax,
 Holland,
 Jericho,
 Johnson,
 Lemington,
 Lowell, 2 stations,

Lunenburg,
 Lyndon,
 Milton, 3 stations,
 Morgan, 2 stations,
 Mt. Holly,
 Mt. Holly, Mechanicsville,
 2 stations,
 Newbury,
 Plymouth,
 Randolph Center,
 Reading,
 Richmond,
 Roxbury,
 Royalton, South, 2 stations,
 Rutland,
 St. Johnsbury,
 Sheldon,
 Sheldon Springs,
 Springfield,
 Stamford,
 Starksboro, 4 stations,
 Thetford, East, 2 stations,
 Thetford, North, 2 stations,
 Tunbridge,
 Underhill,
 Vergennes,
 Wardsboro,
 Waterbury,
 Waterville,
 Wells,

Westford,
West Haven,
Westminster,
Williamstown,

Windham,
Wolcott,
Worcester,—85.

TRAVELING LIBRARY STATIONS DROPPED SINCE JUNE 30, 1908.

Arlington, East,
Bennington,
Braintree,
Brandon,
Bridport,
Calais,
Corinth,
Coventry,
Danville, Harvey,
Elmore, Wolcott,
Elmore, Worcester,
Fairfax,
Fair Haven,
Guilford,

Glover,
Groton,
Ira,
Lincoln,
Pittsford,
Royalton,
Rutland,
Ryegate, South,
St. George,
Starksboro, 2 stations,
Townshend,
Westford, Cloverdale,
Williston,
Windsor, state prison,—29.

TRAVELING LIBRARY STATIONS ADDED SINCE JUNE 30, 1908.

Barre,
Bethel, East, 2 stations,
Braintree, 2 stations,
Bridgewater, West,
Bridport,
Brookfield,
Calais,
Cambridge, Jeffersonville,
2 stations,

Charleston,
Corinth,
Danville,
Elmore, 3 stations,
Enosburg,
Essex,
Franklin,
Groton,
Holland,
Ira,

Johnson,
Lemington,
Lowell,
Milton, 3 stations,
Morgan, 2 stations,
Mt. Holly,
Mt. Holly, Mechanicsville,
2 stations,

Newbury,
Pittsford,
Plymouth,
Randolph Center,
Royalton,
Royalton, South,
Rutland, 2 stations,
St. Johnsbury,
Sheldon,
Sheldon Springs,
Springfield,

Thetford, East, 2 stations,
Thetford, North, 2 stations,
Tunbridge,
Underhill,
Vergennes,

Waterbury,
Williamstown,
Williston,
Windham,
Wolcott,—58.

SAMPLE CATALOG OF A TRAVELING LIBRARY.

No. 43.

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- 1 **Bouvet, Marguerite.** *Pierrette.*
The story of a poor widow and her little girl in Paris.
 - 2 **Buckham, James.** *Afield with the seasons.*
Essays on nature, by a former Vermonter.
 - 3 **Canfield, Dorothy.** *What shall we do now?*
Five hundred games and pastimes for children.
 - 4 **Channing, B. M.** *Balaster boys.*
The four sons of a college professor adopt a girl cousin.
 5. **Cooke, G. W.** *George Elliot.*
A critical study of the life, writings and philosophy of the great novelist.
 - 6 **Crawford, F. M.** *White Sister.*
The story of a nun who is the daughter of a Roman prince. A pleasant tale slightly connected with the Saracinesca series.
 - 7 **Crawford, M. C.** *Little Pilgrimages among old New England inns.*
An interesting account of early times and travel.
 - 8 **Curtis, I. G.** *Making of a housewife.*
Suggestions for a young housekeeper in story form.
 - 9 **Deming, E. W.** *Indian child life.*
A book of colored pictures and stories of the Mexican Indians, for little children.
 - 10 **Downes, A. M.** *Fire fighters and their pets.*
True stories of the New York fire department.
 - 11 **Eggleston, G. C.** *Long knives.*
A story for boys of the Virginian frontiersmen in the West under George Rogers Clarke, in Revolutionary times.
 - 12 **Elliot, George, pseud.** *Felix Holt.*
A novel of the life of the English working people after the passing of the reform bill.
 - 13 **Fox, John.** *Trail of the lonesome pine.*
A story of family feuds and the development of a boom town in the Kentucky mountains.
 - 14 **Genung, J. F.** *Stevenson's attitude to life.*
A short essay with readings from Stevenson's essays and letters.
 - 15 **Gerry, M. S.** *Toy shop.*
An incident in the life of Abraham Lincoln.
 - 16 **Hardy, Thomas.** *Under the greenwood tree.*
A romance of simple country life in an English village many years ago. One of Mr. Hardy's best stories.
 - 17 **Hopkins, W. J.** *Sandman: his sea stories.*
Stories of the sea for children, connected with life on the brig "Industry."
 - 18 **Hornaday, W. T.** *Camp-fires on desert and lava.*
Explorations in Arizona and Mexico, with many photographic illustrations.
 - 19 **Humphrey, Zephine.** *Over against Green Peak.*
Pleasant sketches of the life of three city ladies who buy a farm near Manchester, Vt.

- 20 Jackson, Mrs. H. H.** Nelly's Silver Mine.
The journey to Colorado, of a Little New England girl and boy thirty years ago.
- 21 Job, H. K.** Sport of bird-study.
A book on bird hunting with a camera, "for young or active people."
- 22 Kelley, Myra.** Rosnah.
A story of country life in Ireland, relating to the reunion of a large family after twenty years' separation.
- 23 Lane, E. M.** Katrine.
Story of a poor but beautiful Irish girl who became a great singer.
- 24 Lorimer, Norma.** By the waters of Sicily.
A combination of love story and travel in Sicily.
- 25 Lucas, E. V.** Anne's terrible good nature.
Charming tales of English children in somewhat unusual adventures.
- 26 Lucas, E. V.** Gentlest art.
A collection of entertaining letters by noted men and women.
- 27 Marshall, H. E.** Stories of William Tell.
An attractive account written for children.
- 28 Morgan, Mrs. M. E.** How to dress a doll.
Simply written illustrated directions for making doll's clothes.
- 29 Patterson, A. J.** Spinner family.
Accounts of spiders and other insects, written for children.
- 30 Rlis, J. A.** Theodore Roosevelt the citizen.
A popular life of the ex-president by a popular author.
- 31 Roberts, C. G. D.** Earth's enigmas.
Short stories, scenes of most of them laid in Canada.
- 32 Robinson, R. E.** Hero of Ticonderoga.
A story of Nathan Beeman who guided Ethan Allen to the Fort.
- 33 Shaw, M. L.** Castle Blair.
Five children and a dog in a country home in Ireland.
- 34 Sidgwick, Mrs. Alfred.** Home life in Germany.
The common round of life in Germany vividly and humorously described. Good illustrations.
- 35 Smith, C. S.** Barbizon days.
A finely illustrated record of the Forest of Fontainebleau and the painters who made it famous.
- 36 Smith, F. H.** Captain Thomas A. Scott.
A short sketch of a master diver who lived a noble life.
- 37 Steele, Zadock.** Captivity and sufferings of Zadock Steele.
A reprint of a book written by an early settler of Randolph, Vt., who was captured by the Indians in 1780. Contains also an account of the burning of Royalton by the British and Indians.
- 38 Stevenson, B. E.** Poems of American history.
A fine collection classified according to subjects and periods.
- 39 Stevenson, R. L.** Master of Ballantrae.
The annals and romantic adventures of a noble Scottish family involved in the Jacobite troubles after 1745.
- 40 Thompson, C. M.** Calico cat.
A comical story of legal difficulties in an Eastern Vermont town.
- 41 Thompson, J. H.** Water wonders every child should know.
Description of dew, frost, sun, ice and rain, with illustrations from photographs by the specialist, Wilson A. Bentley of Jericho, Vt.

- 42 **Tileston, M. W.** Children's treasure trove of pearls.
Forty-one well told tales collected from old and unfamiliar sources.
- 43 **Tomlinson, E. T.** Camp-fire of Mad Anthony.
A tale of the tea-burners in New Jersey during the struggle for independence in 1774.
- 44 **Twain, Mark, pseud.** Pudd'nhead Willson.
A delineation of life half a century ago in a small Missouri town.
- 45 **Walker, M. C.** Lady Hollyhock and her friends.
Colored pictures, with descriptions of dolls made from vegetables, flowers, nuts, clothes-pins, pipes, and other things.

SAMPLE LIST OF A SCHOOL TRAVELING LIBRARY.

No. 17.

- 1 **Aanrud, Hans.** Lisbeth Longfrock.
- 2 **Abbott, Jacob.** Ellen Linn.
- 3 **Barbour, R. H.** For the honor of the school.
- 4 **Bolton, S. K.** Poor boys who became famous.
- 5 **Carpenter, F. G.** South America.
- 6 **Chadwick, M. L. P.** Jack and the beanstalk.
- 7 **Deland, E. D.** Katrina.
- 8 **De la Ramee, Louise.** Nurnberg stove.
- 9 **Deming, E. W.** Indian child life.
- 10 **Elson, H. W.** Child's guide to American history.
- 11 **French, H. W.** Lance of Kanana.
- 12 **Goss, W. L.** Jed.
- 13 **Gullick, L. H.** Physical education by muscular exercise.
- 14 **Haines, A. C.** Luck of the Dudley Grahams.
- 15 **Kelly, R. T.** Burma.
- 16 **Lagerlof, Selma.** Wonderful adventures of Nils.
- 17 **Lang, L. B.** Red book of heroes.
- 18 **Lansing, M. F.** Rhymes and stories.
- 19 **Longfellow, H. W.** Children's Longfellow.
- 20 **Lucas, E. V.** Forgotten tales of long ago.
- 21 **McDonald, E. B.** Kathleen in Ireland.
- 22 **McLeod, Mary.** Shakespeare story book.
- 23 **Merriam, F. A.** Birds of village and field.
- 24 **Munroe, Kirk.** Flamingo feather.
- 25 **Pyle, Howard.** Wonder clock.
- 26 **Rowe, S. H.** Habit-formation and the science of teaching.
- 27 **Shute, K. H.** Land of song, v. 2.
- 28 **Walker, Mrs. L.** Instructive and ornamental paper work.
- 29 **Weed, C. M.** Wild flower families.
- 30 **Wheeler, F. R.** Boy with the U. S. Survey.

SAMPLE LIST OF A STUDY CLUB COLLECTION.

SPECIAL COLLECTION OF BOOKS FOR THE STUDY OF SPAIN.

-
- Amicis, Edmondo de. Spain.
Bates, K. L. Spanish highways and byways.
Becquer, A. Romantic Legends of Spain.
Borrow, George. Bible in Spain.
Breal, Anguste. Velasquez.
Calvert, A. T. Royal palaces of Spain.
Campion, J. T. On foot in Spain.
Cervantes, M. de. Adventures of Don Quixote.
Ellis, Havelock. Soul of Spain.
Galdos, P. B. Dona Perfecta.
Hale, E. E. Seven Spanish cities.
Hanfstaengl, Franz. Masterpieces of Valazquez.
Hay, John. Castilian days.
Higgin, Louis. Spanish life in town and country.
Howe, Maud. Sun and shadow in Spain.
Hume, M. A. S. Modern Spain.
Hume, M. A. S. Spanish people.
Hume, M. A. S. Spain—its greatness and decay.
Hutton, Edward. Cities of Spain.
Kelly, J. F. Some chapters of Spanish literature.
Latimer, E. W. Spain in the nineteenth century.
Lodge, H. C. War with Spain.
Moret, A. D. B. School of Madrid.
Perkins, C. C. Builders of Spain.
Poole, S. L. Moors in Spain.
Prescott, W. H. Ferdinand and Isabella.
Stoddard, J. L. Spain.
Thirlmore, Rowland. Letters from Catalonia.
Wardell, Mrs. Villiers. Spain of the Spanish.
Watts, H. E. Christian recovery of Spain.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR TRAVELING LIBRARY.

To the Board of Library Commissioners of the State of Vermont:

We, the undersigned citizens of.....
hereby apply for the loan of a traveling library as provided by
No. 52, Acts of 1908.

We name
whom we know to be a responsible person, to act for us as
librarian and to have in charge said library and the correspond-
ence relating thereto. We hereby agree to return said library
within six months from its reception, to pay all transportation
charges to and from and to
make good any losses or injuries beyond reasonable wear, how-
ever accruing, while said library is in our custody.

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Express address P. O. address

Library to be kept in (underline one.) Library, School, Grange,
Store, Residence, Study Club.

THE VERMONT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

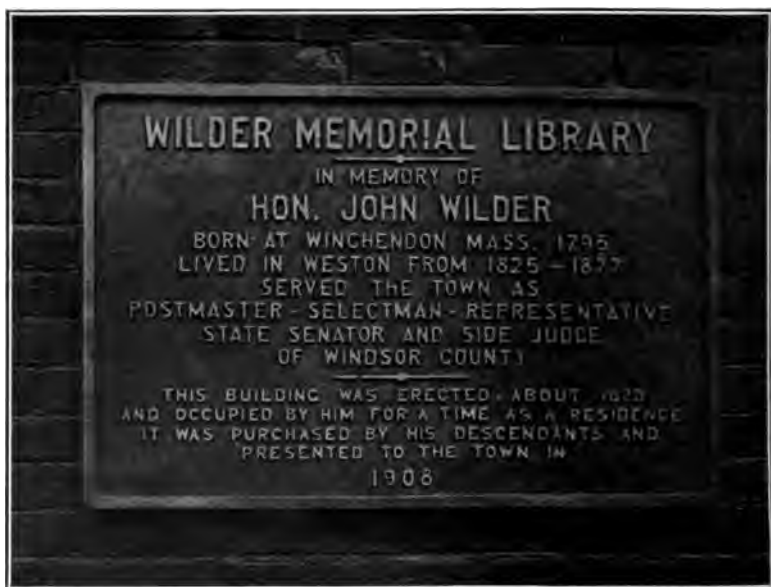
The work of the Vermont Library Association has been broadened and strengthened by the election of a board of Second Vice-Presidents to represent certain districts of the state. A short time before the annual meeting of the Association the Second Vice-Presidents send to each library in their district a set of questions relating to library work and from the replies to these questions make a report to the Association of the library activities in their districts. In this way the Vice-Presidents come in touch with the libraries in their vicinity and



WILDER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WESTON.

the Association becomes acquainted with the work being done in all parts of the state. The Second Vice-Presidents also assist the State Board of Library Commissioners in arousing interest in the public meetings held by the commission in different communities. Several of these public meetings have been held by invitation in the libraries, presided over by the Second Vice-Presidents.

At the annual meeting of the Association in 1908, the need of acquainting the public with the work being done by our libraries and the State Board of Library Commissioners was freely discussed and as a result of the discussion a Committee on Publicity was appointed. The same Committee has served the Association for two years, doing its work systematically and efficiently. A mailing list of every newspaper in the State has been prepared and an item on library matters sent to each paper once a month. By this means the general public has been



WILDER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WESTON,—TABLET.

given an opportunity to become better acquainted with the special work of individual libraries, the nature of the traveling libraries sent out by the commission, and how to obtain them, the new library law, and the need of co-operation between our libraries and schools. No small part of the work of this committee has been the advertising and reporting of public library meetings.

During the first year of its work the Publicity Committee received a gift of \$10.00 to be awarded as a prize to the librarian presenting at the next annual meeting the best collection of

library notes published in the local press. This prize was won by Miss Kate I. Stewart of the Bristol library. The following year the committee received the sum of \$15.00 to be awarded in two prizes of \$10.00 and \$5.00 each. The first prize was won by Mrs. Abba D. Chamberlin of Pomfret and the second by Miss Kate I. Stewart.



WILDER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, WESTON,—READING ROOM.

Through the efforts of the Educational Committee during the past two years a closer relation has been brought about between those working for the interests of our schools and libraries. Whenever it has come to the attention of this committee that an educational meeting was to be held in any part of the state a request has been made to those in charge of the meeting that

the subject of co-operation between schools and libraries be given a place on the program. These requests have always been granted with readiness.

Library interests were presented at the annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association in 1909 and a place on the program of the next meeting has been assured. Speakers have been sent to several library institutes and district educational meetings. The expenses of the speakers at these meetings have been met by the Commission. A special Committee on Forestry appointed the previous year prepared for the annual meeting in 1909, a most interesting and instructive exhibit. It included a list of books on trees and forestry; a collection of public documents and leaflets on forestry issued by the United States Government; pictures of trees; samples of different woods and a chart showing kinds of wood and their uses. At the invitation of this committee, Mr. Austin F. Hawes, the State Forester, spoke before the Association on Forestry in Vermont.

The committee appointed at the annual meeting in 1909 to prepare a graded list of children's books is still at work upon the list. The work has progressed somewhat slowly, owing to the fact that the committee wished to become thoroughly acquainted with the books included in the list. When completed it will be graded and classified.

The Executive Board of the Association commends the enthusiasm and efficiency of the work of the Second Vice-Presidents and the members of the different committees.

FRANCES M. PIERCE,
KATE W. BARNEY,
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OFFICERS FOR THE VERMONT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, 1910.

President—Mrs. Kate Woods Barney, Springfield.

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Washington and Orange—Miss Ellen Brown, Northfield.

Chittenden and Addison—Miss Adella V. Ingham, Vergennes.

New member of Nominating Committee—Mrs. Ella Traux, St. Johnsbury.

HOW A TOWN MAY ESTABLISH A FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Insert in the warning for town meeting the following articles:

1. To see if the town will elect a board of five library trustees and instruct such board to make application to the State Board of Library Commissioners for state aid.

2. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the maintenance of a free public library.

If the grand list of the town is less than \$2,500, the sum must not be less than \$15.

If the grand list is more than \$2,500, yet less than \$10,000, the sum to be appropriated must be not less than \$25.

If the grand list is \$10,000 or more, the sum to be raised must

be not less than \$50. Many towns show their desire for civic improvement by raising much higher sums than the state requires of them.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

The commissioners advise that the Board of Library Trustees be elected in accordance with the provisions of Sections 23 and 24, No. 52, Acts of 1908, and be five in number and elected when first chosen, one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years.

STATE AID FOR FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

The Board of Library Commissioners have authority under the law (see Section 3, No. 52, Acts 1908) to expend a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars in each case for books to be used in establishing free public libraries in the towns, cities and incorporated villages of the state.

The law further provides (Section 9, No. 52, Acts 1908) that no town, city or incorporated village shall be entitled to state aid unless such town, city or incorporated village has elected a board of library trustees and voted to instruct such board to make application to the State Board of Library Commissioners, and said trustees have provided, in a manner satisfactory to the State Board of Library Commissioners, for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished said library.

While it is the duty of the commission to decide upon the books to be furnished a town, suggestions from the librarians and trustees in each town regarding the selection of the books are always gladly received and acted upon when in the judgment of the commission the books requested are such as ought to be purchased.

DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING APPLICATION FOR STATE AID.

The Library Commission, upon request, will furnish proper blanks for making application for state aid in establishing a library.

The forms required to be filled and filed with the commission are as follows:

No. 1.

APPLICATION OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES FOR STATE AID.

TOWN OF Vt.,19

To the Board of Library Commissioners:

The Board of Library Trustees of the town of Vermont, elected as specified in the certificate of the town clerk hereto attached, make application under the provisions of No. 52 of the Acts of 1908, for the expenditure of the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the purchase of books to be used in establishing a free public library in said town.

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Chairman Board of Library Trustees.

(The town clerk's certificate showing election of trustees, etc., should be attached to this application.)

No. 2.

CERTIFICATE OF TOWN CLERK.

.....Vt.,19

To the Board of Library Commissioners:

I,, Town Clerk of, Vermont, hereby certify that at the annual town meeting of said town,

held on the first Tuesday of March, 19...., the following named persons were elected a board of library trustees for the terms specified:

| Name | Post Office Address | Term for which Elected. |
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1

..... year

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That at said annual March meeting the town voted to instruct its board of library trustees to make application to the board of library commissioners to expend the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the purchase of books to be used in establishing a free public library in said town, as provided by No. 52 of the Acts of 1908.

That at said meeting the town further voted to appropriate for the maintenance of a free public library the sum ofdollars annually; and that the grand list of said town when said vote was taken wasdollars.

I further certify that the town of..... has no free public library owned or controlled thereby, and the action hereinbefore set forth was taken pursuant to the following articles inserted in the warning for said town meeting:

(Insert here an exact copy of the articles in the warning.)

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Town clerk of, Vermont.

(This certificate should be attached to the application for state aid.)

In view of the obligation resting upon the commission and in order that the law may be complied with, upon receipt of the foregoing application and certificate properly filled out the following blank is sent to the trustees of the library for information concerning library conditions in the town and to ascertain whether proper provision has been made for the care and circulation of the books.

No. 3.

STATISTICS AND INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TOWN OF, VT.,19

To the Board of Library Commissioners:

In compliance with your request for information regarding library conditions in this town, I answer the following questions:

1. What provision has been made for a library room and where is it located?

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2. Who is the librarian, if determined, and what, if any, compensation is to be paid?

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3. What days and hours is the library to be kept open for the loan and return of books?

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4. Are any books already available or soon to be turned over to the town as a part of the free public library? If so, please furnish the Board of Library Commissioners with a complete list of such books, that they may not be duplicated.

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5. Is there any library already established in this town? If so, please state the approximate number of books in it, its condition, and in a general way the terms upon which books are loaned.

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6. By what name is your library to be known?

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7. Please give *a.* Post Office address

b. Address for express

c. Address for freight.....

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Chairman or Librarian.

METHOD OF SECURING ANNUAL AID FOR LIBRARIES ALREADY ESTABLISHED.

(Authorized by Sec. 4, No. 52, Acts 1908.)

In order to assist the commission in deciding upon what libraries ought to receive annual aid, the following application and question blank are required to be filled out and filed with the board.

APPLICATION FOR STATE AID FOR LIBRARIES ALREADY ESTABLISHED.

To the Board of Library Commissioners for the State of Vermont:

We, the undersigned, trustees of the.....
..... library, of the town
of, county of,
file herewith the certificate of the town clerk of said town showing that the grand list of said town, exclusive of polls, is and we certify that said library is a free public library, and is accessible to the public at least during portions of two days of each week, and that the following provisions have been made for the service of schools and other portions of the town, so that no section of the town is deprived of the use of the library;
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 and we hereby apply for annual state aid for said library as provided by Act No. 52 of the Vermont statutes of 1908.

Signed this day of 19

Post office address.

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ANNUAL AID QUESTION BLANK.

This report should be returned to the secretary of the board, March 1, 19.....

This information is desired as a basis for the granting of future state aid. Libraries receiving annual aid in 19..... will be expected to make a report to the Board of Library Commissioners, answering the following questions:

Name of town..... County
 Library Librarian
 Population of town.....Grand list exclusive of polls
 Number of schools in town..... Number of villages
 Number of branch libraries in town
 Where located

 Number of books sent to such branches.....

Number of schools supplied with books
Number of books sent to each school
How often were books sent to each school?
How often were books sent to branches or other portions of the
town?
How many days during the week was the library open?
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Have you the full number of five trustees?
Number of volumes received from the state in 19.....
Date of their receipt
If possible, give your last annual circulation
Amount appropriated by the town for library purposes at its last
annual meeting
Please give as full a report as possible and any further
information you think desirable
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Date Reported by
Express and freight address
P. O. address

ONE OF THE LISTS OF BOOKS FURNISHED WITH \$100
APPROPRIATED BY THE STATE.

ART.

Caffin, C. H. Child's guide to pictures.
Hurl, E. M. Greek sculpture.
Reinach, S. Story of art.

BIOGRAPHY.

Custer, E. B. Boots and saddles.
Duncan, Norman. Dr. Grenfell's parish.
Morgan, James. Abraham Lincoln, boy and man.
Palmer, G. H. Life of Alice Freeman Palmer.
Pryor, Mrs. R. A. Reminiscences of peace and war.
Rils, Jacob. Making of an American.
Washington, B. T. Up from slavery.
Wister, Owen. Seven ages of Washington.

HISTORY.

Earle, A. M. Home life in Colonial days.
Eggleston, Edward. History of the United States.
Green, J. L. Short story of the English people.
Pryor, Mrs. R. A. Reminiscences of peace and war.
Robinson, Rowland. Vermont.

LITERATURE, EDUCATION AND RELIGION.

Abbott, E. H. On the training of parents.
Brooks, Phillips. Sermons.
Brooks, S. A. English literature.
Bryant, S. C. How to tell stories to children.
Hanscom, E. D. Friendly craft.
Palgrave, F. T. Golden treasury.
Steiner, E. A. On the trail of the immigrant.
Taft, W. H. Present day problems.
Tennyson, Alfred. Poems.

SCIENCE.

Blanchan, Neltje. Bird neighbors.
Bostock, F. C. Training of wild animals.
Gifford, John. Practical forestry.
Hill, C. T. Fighting a fire.
Martin, M. E. Friendly stars.
Parsons, Mrs. F. D. How to know the wild flowers.

TRAVEL AND DESCRIPTION.

- Bacon, A. M. Japanese girls and women.
Brady, C. T. Recollections of a missionary in the great west.
Bullen, F. T. Cruise of the Cachalot.
Hay, John. Castilian days.
Jungman, Mrs. Beatrix. Holland. (Peeps at many lands).
Laut, A. C. Pathfinders of the west.
Lummis, C. F. Some strange corners of our country.
O'Connor, W. D. Heroes of the storm.
Parkman, Francis. Oregon trail.
Sidgwick, Mrs. Alfred. Home life in Germany.
VanDyke, Henry. Out of doors in the Holy Land.
Villari, Luigi. Italian life in town and country.
Williams, Archibald. Romance of modern exploration.

USEFUL ART.

- Bennett, I. D. The vegetable garden.
Dodd, H. C. Healthful farmhouse.
Fiske, G. B. Poultry feeding and fattening.
Hill, Mrs. J. M. Cooking for two.
Rorer, Mrs. S. T. Home candy making.
Waugh, F. H. American apple orchard.
Weeks-Shaw, Mrs. C. S. Textbook of nursing.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS—NON-FICTION.

- Adams, J. H. Harper's electricity book for boys.
Andrews, Jane. Ten boys.
Baldwin, James. Fifty famous stories retold.
Benton, C. F. Saturday mornings.
Brooks, Dorothy. Stories of the red children.
Canfield, Dorothy. What shall we do now?
Chisholm, Louey. Golden staircase.
Coffin, C. C. Boys of '61.
Dole, N. H. Young citizen.
Jewett, Mrs. F. G. Good health.
Lang, Andrew. Blue fairy book.
Lang, Andrew. Blue true story book.
Lodge & Roosevelt. Hero tales from American history.
Long, W. J. Ways of wood folk.
McManus, Blanche. Little Hindu cousin.
Miller, O. T. First book of birds.
Moffett, Cleveland. Careers of danger and daring.
Mulock, Mrs. D. M. Little lame prince.
Norton, C. E. ed. Heart of oak books 1-4.
Stokes, Susan. Ten common trees.
Seton, E. T. Wild animals I have known.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS—FICTION.

Aanrud, Hans. Lisbeth Longfrock.
Alcott, L. M. Little women.
Alcott, L. M. Little men.
Altsheler, J. A. Young trailers.
Carroll, Lewis. Alice in wonderland.
Coolidge, Susan. What Katy did.
French, H. W. Lance of Kanana.
Grinnell, G. B. Jack among the Indians.
Hopkins, W. J. The sandman: his sea stories.
Jackson, H. H. Nelly's silver mine.
Kipling, Rudyard. Jungle book.
Major, Charles. Bears of Blue River.
Munroe, Kirk. Flamingo feather.
Otis, James. Toby Tyler.
Pier, A. S. Boys of St. Timothy's.
Rankin, Mrs. C. W. Dandelion cottage.
St. Nicholas. Stories of royal children.
Spyri, Johanna. Heidi.
Trimmer, Mrs. S. K. History of the robins.
White, E. O. When Molly was six.
Wiggin, K. D. Rebecca of Sunnybrook farm.

ADULT FICTION.

Austin, J. G. Standish of Standish.
Barrie, James. Little minister.
Bryant, Marguerite. Christopher Hibbault, roadmaker.
Churchill, Winston. The crisis.
Connor, Ralph. Sky pilot.
Cooper, J. F. The spy.
Dickens, Charles. Tale of two cities.
Duncan, Norman. Dr. Luke of the Labrador.
Glasgow, Ellen. Romance of a plain man.
Howells, W. D. Rise of Silas Lapham.
Kelly, Myra. Little citizens.
Lane, E. M. Nancy Stair.
Montgomery, L. M. Anne of Green Gables.
Ollivant, Alfred. Bob, son of Battle.
Phelps, E. S. A singular life.
Porter, G. S. Freckles.
Scott, Walter. Ivanhoe.
Smith, F. H. Tom Grogan.
Stevenson, R. L. Treasure island.
White, W. A. A certain rich man.
Wister, Owen. The Virginian.

A LIST OF BOOKS FURNISHED FROM THE ANNUAL AID FUND.

Adams, J. H. Harper's electricity book for boys.
Aanrud, Hans. Lisbeth Longfrock.
Bostock, F. C. Training of wild animals.
Bullen, F. T. Cruise of the Cachalot.
Carruth, F. W. Those Dale girls.
Cipriani, L. O. A Tuscan childhood.
Dix, B. M. Soldier Rigdale.
Doubleday, Russell. Cattle ranch to college.
Du Chaillu, Paul. Land of the long night.
Grinnell, G. B. Jack among the Indians.
Jewett, S. O. Betty Leicester.
Little, Frances. Lady of the decoration.
Lorimer, Norma. By the waters of Sicily.
Major, Charles. Bears of Blue River.
Marriott, Crittenden. Uncle Sam's business.
Moffett, Cleveland. Careers of danger and daring.
Montgomery, L. M. Anne of Green Gables.
Ollivant, Alfred. Bob, son of Battle.
Palmer, G. H. Life of Alice Freeman Palmer.
Penfield, Frederic. East of Suez.
Pier, A. S. Boys of St. Timothy's.
Rankin, Mrs. C. W. Dandelion cottage.
Riss, Jacob. Making of an American.
Roberts, C. G. D. Heart of the ancient wood.
Steiner, E. A. On the trail of the immigrant.
Taggart, M. A. Little gray house.
Talbot, E. T. My people of the plains.
Valle, Mrs. C. M. Orcutt girls.
Wade, M. H. Our little Esquimo cousin.
Williams, Archibald. Romance of modern exploration.

LIST OF TOWNS RECEIVING ANNUAL AID IN 1909.

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| Addison, | Fairlee, | Highgate, |
| Andover, | Georgia, | Jericho, |
| Athens, | Granby, | Johnson, |
| Braintree, | Greensboro, | Kirby, |
| Brighton, | Groton, | Lincoln, |
| Cambridge, | Guildhall, | Pomfret, |
| Chelsea, | Gulford, | Reading, |
| Fairfax, | Hartland, | Salisbury, |

Shoreham,
Stamford,
Stowe,
Thetford,
Townshend,

Underhill,
Vernon,
Waterford,
Westfield,
Westford,

Weston,
West Fairlee,
West Haven,
Windham.

LIST OF TOWNS RECEIVING ANNUAL AID IN 1910.

Addison,
Andover,
Athens,
Bakersfield,
Barnard,
Braintree,
Bridport,
Cambridge,
Canaan,
Castleton,
Charleston,
Chelsea,
Chittenden,
Cornwall,
Fairlee,
Glover,

Granby,
Greensboro,
Groton,
Hartland,
Hinesburg,
Hyde Park,
Jericho,
Johnson,
Kirby,
Landgrove,
Middletown,
Pawlet,
Peru,
Pittsfield,
Plymouth,
Pomfret,

Reading,
Richmond,
Royalton,
Ryegate,
Shoreham,
Thetford,
Underhill,
Vernon,
Waterford,
Westford,
West Haven,
Wheelock,
Whittingham,
Wilmington,
Windham,

LIBRARY NOTES.

ADDISON.—Public Library, Mrs. M. A. Smith, librarian.—New books have been purchased and branch libraries in other parts of the town maintained. A Library Club has been formed and a drama given for the benefit of the library.

ANDOVER.—Town Library, Adella E. Stannard, librarian.—Has but \$15.00 per year from the town, yet runs a branch library at Peaseville and last year had a total circulation of 3,242 books, 776 of which was at the branch. Also 2,134 magazines, papers and pamphlets were circulated. Total number of volumes in the library 2,351, many of which have been donated by city visitors, and other libraries. the buying of books has been very carefully and economically done by the librarian who receives no compensation for her services, but is allowed \$1.00 per year for postage. The library is open every day and much work is done for the children and schools. Especial care is taken to supply the children and to suit the tastes of all readers. Average number of borrowers, 70; 28 new cards were issued last year. 10 to 20 books are sent to the branch every two or three months.

BARNARD.—Charles B. Danforth Library, Jennie G. Putman, librarian.—The Library Club is active and has placed in the bank over \$185.00 toward a building fund. They have purchased new books and have a sociable every fortnight; the local baseball team gives a part of the proceeds of each game.

BARNET.—Public Library, Mrs. Henrietta Willey, librarian.—Electric lights and new book shelves have been put in, and pictures of the first donors hung upon the walls. The building is owned by the town, the ground floor is used for the fire-engine and the second floor for the library. The town gives \$100.00 annually. Gifts of books and magazines have been received. The librarian has tried to establish branch stations in each of the five villages in the town and has succeeded in all but one. The public show a continued interest and a desire for more solid reading.

BARRE.—Aldrich Public Library.—The first year in the new building was a very progressive one, the circulation reaching 69,388. At the end of that year Mrs. Louise L. Boyce, for 36 years actively associated with the public library work in Barre, resigned and since that time the library has been in charge of various young ladies. Mrs. Boyce was for 25 years treasurer and secretary of the old Library Association, and at times gave the library room in her house. For eleven years she served as librarian, giving generous, faithful and efficient service for small compensation, and doing much reference work for study clubs and individuals. She was an active member of the State Library Association and a constant attendant at the meetings. Her retirement from the profession is a distinct loss to the Aldrich Library and to the librarians of the state.

BARTON.—Public Library, Frances S. Butler, librarian.—Reading room entirely supported by Woman's Literary Club. Seventeen magazines circulated with good results, after having been used a month on reading table. Also whole volumes of magazines loaned. Those of little value are sold after having been read.

BELVIDERE.—Town Library, Mrs. Mary M. Potter, librarian.—At the town meeting in 1910 the town voted to use \$15.00 for library purposes and to apply for state aid to establish a library, which has been done.

BENNINGTON.—Free Library, Mrs. Mary B. Merrill, librarian.—A new children's room opened and progress made in many ways. A full line of agricultural and technical books added. Town trustees were elected and state aid received in 1909.

BENNINGTON.—Old Academy Library, Mrs. Caroline R. Merrill, librarian.—Library has been made free, and a new printed cata-

log issued. A flower show is held every summer at which about \$90.00 is cleared.

BETHEL.—Public Library, Mary Gilson, librarian.—The books have been moved into a better room. The young people are doing required reading for the schools. A specialty is made of nature books. Great need of a building.

BRADFORD.—Public Library, Mrs. Minnie M. G. Carr, librarian.—A gift of a private library of 65 volumes received.

BRANDON.—Free Public Library, Mrs. Ida J. S. Kingsley, Librarian.—The cataloging has been completed, and a gift of a new catalog case received from Mr. Farr. Appropriation from the town increased \$100. \$250 was raised by the "mile of pennies" plan. The circulation has been larger than ever before.

BRIDPORT.—Town Library, Mrs. W. E. Hough, librarian.—In March, 1909, the town voted to appropriate \$25.00 and apply for state aid. Several hundred books were received from towns-people and remnants of former libraries, so that with the state books there were about 500 volumes to begin with. A card catalog for these was made with state aid, during which time three traveling libraries were in use, and the town hopes to do good work with the books.

BRIGHTON.—Island Pond, Public Library, Leta J. Eaton, librarian.—The school children are greatly interested in nature books with which the library is well equipped. A high school reading course has also been added to the library. There is a growing demand for standard reading

BRISTOL.—Free Library, Kate I. Stewart, librarian.—Hon. W. A. Lawrence is erecting an \$8,000 library building as a gift to the town. Other gifts have been received and the appropriation by the town increased to \$800.00. A new catalog will soon be made. The library received first prize of \$10.00 for the best set of publicity items in local papers in 1909, and received second prize of \$5.00 in 1910.

BROOKFIELD.—Town Library, Mrs. Laura A. Hood, librarian.—The oldest library in the state is still running on the same plan that was inaugurated in 1791. It is opened regularly four times a year and at the last opening 25 people took out 300 books. It was feared that a free town library, open as often as once a week, would injure the circulation of the old library so the vote of the town was disregarded as being too advanced for the time and place.

BURLINGTON.—Fletcher Library, George Dana Smith, librarian.—A branch reading room has been operated during the winter in the Neighborhood House, where a story hour for children was

very popular. For two summers flower tables of both wild and garden flowers have been on exhibition in the entrance room of the main library, the number brought in and the interest aroused in them has been remarkable. List of books on nature and the regular bulletin have been published. The gain in circulation has been 43 per cent, reaching to over 50,000 annually. Seven hundred stereographs have been purchased and circulated. A gift of a beautiful Dutch rug was received from Mrs. Griswold.

BURLINGTON.—University of Vermont Library, Helen B. Shattuck, librarian.—In June, 1909, Miss Edith E. Clarke, after eight years of efficient service, resigned her position as librarian and spent the year following traveling in Europe. Miss Clarke had been the able Secretary-Treasurer of the Vermont Library Association for several years and was widely known and beloved in library circles throughout the state. Her helpful presence at the state meetings will be greatly missed. Miss Helen B. Shattuck from the University of Minnesota, but formerly of Massachusetts, was appointed to succeed Miss Clarke in the library. As usual, the library has received valuable gifts from the university alumni. These are listed elsewhere in the table of gifts.

CALAIS.—Circulating Library, Mrs. Josephine Converse, librarian.—A subscription library nearly 80 years old. On payment of fifty cents one may become a member. There are now 16 members and many more readers, as a member is only one from a family. 1,285 books are cataloged but not all are in circulation. Room was needed, so old volumes were boxed. The books are kept in the school house vestry and may be drawn at any time. Fiction leads and books of army and navy life are next in popularity. There are a goodly number of juvenile books. This year books on nature and agriculture will be purchased. Over \$60.00 was raised by entertainments last year. Librarian receives no salary.

EAST CALAIS.—Circulating Library, Walter J. Coates, librarian.—This association was formed 48 years ago and has 46 shareholders. Tax on shares, 50 cents, rent of shares 75 cents. Twenty-five now draw books. About 1,600 volumes in a condition to go out, largely fiction. About 50 books purchased each year. Money raised in part by entertainments. Library in private house, accessible at all times. No salary for librarian. There is a small library in the village school and one at Adamant.

CAVENDISH.—Proctorsville, Fletcher Library, William Adams, librarian.—The library has a card catalog nearly completed by the Library Association which has put in much good work for two years. Three short plays were given one evening and repeated the next for the benefit of the library, from which \$23.65 was raised. \$60.00 has been expended for books the past year.

CHARLESTON.—Town Library, Grace E. Knight, librarian.—In 1909 a library was established with state aid. Formerly only a reading circle had existed in West Charleston. The state books were divided and a part of the library placed in each end of the town. Traveling libraries have also been circulated and good work done with schools. The town appropriates \$25.00 annually.

CHELSEA.—Public Library, Nellie M. Corwin, librarian.—Gifts of over 1,000 volumes have been recently received. A branch library in the western part of the town has been established.

CHESTER.—Whiting Library, C. Ginevra Pollard, librarian.—Magazines are circulated after the first month with splendid results. Repairs on the interior are now being made.

COLCHESTER.—Winooski Free Library, Estelle M. Packard, librarian.—About 1,000 volumes have been added by gift or purchase since the library was started, also a gift of \$100 has been received from the Progressive Club. Nine hundred borrowers are reported and the reading room is taxed to its utmost every evening. Larger rooms and a building are greatly needed.

DERBY.—Haskell Free Library, O. M. Carpenter, librarian.—Number of readers enrolled, over 1,000, 236 of which were added last year. Circulation has increased to an average of 1,200 per month. About 300 books added each year. Many valuable gifts of rare books, papers and periodicals were received. Six hundred stereoscopic views of foreign lands have been purchased for circulation. New fire escapes, costing about \$300 have been placed on the building.

FAIRFAX.—Free Library, Mrs. W. D. Stewart, librarian.—Interest and circulation increasing. Books have been placed in the village school and sent to remote parts of the town.

FAIR HAVEN.—Free Library, Ellen F. Dewey, librarian.—The ladies of the Monday Club assist the librarian in mending books and have given the library the "Readers' Guide" for 1910.

GEORGIA.—Free Library, Cora C. Webster, librarian.—More readers, and greater interest than ever before.

GLOVER.—Town Library, H. N. Davis, librarian.—State aid was asked and granted for the establishment of a library in 1909. The town voted \$25.00 for library purposes.

GRAFTON.—Public Library, Mrs. Thaddeus Park, librarian.—Valuable gifts of books received. Schools supplied with books on subjects studied.

GREENSBORO.—Free Library, Mrs. Frances B. Jackson, librarian.—Special efforts being made to keep books in repair and to have the public take better care of them. More books circulated to children and to schools.

GUILDHALL.—Public Library, Minnie A. Ford, librarian.—Money raised by a sociable for purchase of 30 new books and a clock. Other gifts of magazines received.

GUILFORD.—Free Library, E. W. Legate, librarian.—Valuable gift of books from an old resident.

HARTFORD.—Public Library, Fanny L. Wright, librarian.—The Ladies' Reading Club, composed of 60 ladies, meet in the upper hall of the library every week. The books discussed in these meetings are placed in the library. One of the trustees supplies the library with 25 of the best periodicals for the reading room. Especial care is taken of children's reading.

HARTFORD.—White River Junction, Gates Memorial Library.—The Ladies' Club has earned enough the past year to pay all running expenses, and has added something to the permanent fund without touching any interest. Gifts have been received of 206 volumes and \$100 in cash. The library has been opened two evenings each week besides the regular time of two afternoons. Village improvement work and work for the G. A. R. has also been done by the Club.

HARTFORD.—Quechee, Association Library, Alice S. Chadwick, librarian.—The famous Band Stand Library became too small and has been sold. The library has been moved into a beautiful little building erected for the purpose by the Quechee Library Association. A sum of \$5,000 was raised by subscription and entertainments for the building, and the purchase of books. The building is 22 x 32 feet, of brick, simple in design and admirably adapted to its purpose. The wainscoting and interior finish is of birch with mahogany stain. The walls are of a delicate green and are matched in color by the lamp-shades and window-seat cushions. The rugs harmonize finely with the other colors of the interior and a fireplace adds to the cheerfulness of the room. The furniture is of mahogany including a large table for the librarian's use and a reading table on which are found most of the leading magazines. The building is heated by a furnace in the basement. This is a large room, the walls and floor of cement, part of which can be used for storage if necessary. Total cost, about \$3,000. Architect, Louis S. Newton of Hartford; Contractor, Placid Adams of White River Junction. There are 1,295 volumes in the library, cataloged and classified by the Dewey system.

HARTLAND.—Public Library, Mrs. Robert Lansing, librarian.—The books have been recataloged and moved into the new and attractive village room where the Nature Club and Y. M. C. A. also meet. Unusually fine work has been done by the Nature Club which has all the school children in town enrolled in membership.

One hundred volumes have been added the past year and two branch libraries are maintained, one at North Hartland and one at Four Corners. Pressing need of a library building.

HIGHGATE.—Public Library, Josephine H. Lyon, librarian.—Circulation has greatly increased. Gift of about 90 fine volumes received from Capt. H. C. Meigs of Baltimore, Md.

HINESBURG.—Public Library, Mary A. Miles, librarian.—Increase in interest and number of volumes. Work with schools is being done.

ISLE LA MOTTE.—Free Public Library, Cynthia N. Ritchie, librarian.—Increased number of patrons. A handkerchief bazaar recently held. The grounds have been graded and flower beds kept up.

JERICHO.—Public Library, Mrs. Jennie W. Hart, librarian.—The books have been classified and cataloged and moved into a new room which has been newly painted, and had new cases put in. Two branch libraries are kept up and every school in town has been supplied with collections of books. The library is keeping up to date in every respect.

JOHNSON.—Public Library.—The new building was dedicated November 10, 1907, and opened to the public for use the following Saturday. This library is the result of ten years of effort on the part of the Oread Literary Club of Johnson, a club comprised entirely of women. Their success in accumulating a fund sufficient to build even so modest a structure is remarkable in view of the fact that the community is a small one, composed entirely of people of moderate means. It furnishes a striking example of what can be accomplished by a company of women working together in a common cause.

Soon after its organization in 1899, this club began to work with the view of raising money for a library building, and from that time on all the money realized from sales, entertainments, suppers, etc., was promptly placed at interest where it would be "earning while they slept." Little by little the fund grew, until the club saw the possibility of increasing it by popular subscription to such proportions as to warrant the beginning of work on the building. The problem of securing a site was a difficult one. At last, however, Mrs. Josie L. Pierce, one of the club members, consented to sell a lot east of her house on Railroad Street, and Hon. C. H. Stearns purchased the same and presented it to the club to use as a site for the library building.

The plans and specifications for the building were made by Mr. A. C. Rockwell of Proctor, Vt., and the work of construction was done, under contract, by A. H. Manley of Enosburgh Falls, and

is, in the main, thoroughly well done and satisfactory. The building, which is 30 x 40 feet, one story with basement, is handsomely built of brick, with granite trimmings and steps. The basement and underpinning are of reenforced concrete, and the roof of slate. The style of the building, while simple and plain, is pleasing, giving an impression of solidity and appropriateness. It stands well back from the street surrounded by an ample lawn. Two large plate glass windows are in front, one on each side of the entrance. The interior is attractively and conveniently planned, being all in one large room with an alcove at each corner. The ceiling in the main part of the room is arched, which gives the room a spacious appearance. On entering the building one steps first into the vestibule from which a balze covered, swinging door admits to the main room. Directly opposite this door is the fire-place and mantel, built entirely of red brick. Abundant light is furnished on all four sides of the room and at night it is made brilliant by thirty-three electric lights. The interior wood work is of brown ash especially selected for the beautiful grain of the wood. This is finished with Flemish stain and waxed which gives a very rich effect. The walls and ceiling are painted in a soft tint to harmonize with the woodwork. The east end of the room is furnished with wall shelves for the books, space being provided for about 5000 volumes, and more can be added as required. The Librarian's desk is near by, while at the opposite end of the room is a beautiful carved inlaid reading table with chairs to match, gift of Mr. Frank Waterman of Minneapolis, in memory of his father and mother. The handsome hard wood floor which is of selected, clear, red birch is partially covered by five large Axminster rugs, in soft reds and browns, all of the same pattern and shades, which gives to the room a cheerful, homelike appearance. The basement is well lighted and equipped with a first class furnace, and a modern toilet room.

The town is to be congratulated on having such a fine, well equipped home for its public library. The cost of the building, equipment, furnishings, grading of the lot etc. has been about \$4300.

LANDGROVE.—Public Library, Mrs. Gracie M. Harris Librarian.—An old creamery building was given to the library and sold for about \$25.00 which was used for new books, of which there is great need.

LONDONDERRY.—South Londonderry Library Association, Geo. A. Coombs, Librarian.—Seventy-five dollars have been spent for new books and 100 volumes added in the past year. Every Christmas \$50 is received from a friend. A library building is much needed so that the library can be made free.

LUDLOW.—Fletcher Memorial Library, Frances M. Pierce,

librarian.—Besides supplying the village schools with books, school-room libraries have been sent to four district schools in Ludlow and to schools in the towns of Cavendish, Mt. Holly and Plymouth. Two classes from the Academy have received instruction in the use of the card catalog and the arrangement of books in the library. Type-written copies of the lists of required reading are kept on the delivery desk and are in constant demand. Twenty-six sets of stereoscopic views have been circulated 83 times, besides being used daily in the library. The teachers have made good use of them in the schools. Annotated lists of new books have been sent to the local papers, also lists on special subjects and other library items. Copies of an annotated list on Agriculture were distributed through the Grange in Ludlow, Mt. Holly and Cavendish. Over 220 varieties of wild flowers were exhibited on the flower table last year. Most of the specimens were supplied by townspeople. Five hundred and forty-six volumes have been added, and a small collection of large photographs of Florence. The souvenir postal collection is kept in albums on the reading room tables and is much enjoyed by visitors. A set of bright colored rag books for little children has been very popular. During the year collections from the Library Art Club have been on exhibition.

LUNENBURG.—Alden Balch Memorial Library, Julia R. White, librarian.—Books have been sent to each district school each term, with excellent results, which have well paid for the extra labor. Greater use has been made of the reading room by the young people. A gift of \$1,500 was left by an old resident. The new catalog has been completed and partly copied in the town report. Every effort is made to keep the library up to date.

LYNDONVILLE.—Cobleigh Public Library, Elizabeth Hills, librarian.—Circulation of books and magazines and interest of the public increasing. A children's story hour was held every Saturday through the winter, in charge of the Woman's Club, with an average attendance of thirty children. This has brought a large increase in the number of juvenile readers. At Christmas time the library was decorated with evergreens which were left up until Twelfth Night, and at New Year's a reception was held in the library from 2 to 5 P. M. by the Woman's Club, to which every one was invited. Coffee, tea and wafers were served to a large number and the occasion was so enjoyed that the event will be repeated. An exhibit of wild flowers has been on the tables during the summer months, over 200 in all, many of them rare plants, and from other towns. The Woman's Club has given \$350 to the town, the income of which is to be used for the purchase of books for the library. The club has earned \$800 for library purposes, \$450 of which was used to furnish the trustees' room. They have also

raised \$50.00 by subscription for magazines and papers for the reading room. Many gifts have also been received from Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Vail.

MANCHESTER.—Mark Skinner Library, Eleanor Eggleston, librarian.—More new readers' cards have been sold, and a children's flower table has been started with good results.

MIDDLEBURY.—Ladies' Library.—Books for use in schools have been made free to the pupils, and juvenile books have been distributed among the school districts.

MIDDLEBURY.—College Library.—Etta M. Clark, librarian. Mr. Herbert Boyce has resigned his position as librarian and gone to the University of Michigan to do post-graduate work in Semitics and Greek, leaving many friends at College and among the librarians. Miss Etta M. Clark, formerly of Montpelier, came from the Brooklyn Public Library to take his place and reports a new annual appropriation for the library of \$3,000, and gifts of \$600. Over 2,000 volumes have been added in the past year, about 500 of which are to form the nucleus of the library of the new department of Pedagogy. The entire collection is being recataloged and the Newark charging system installed.

MONTPELIER.—Kellogg-Hubbard Library, Evelyn S. Lease, librarian.—Miss Mary E. Macomber, for 14 years librarian, died after a short illness at her home in Montpelier, January 5, 1909. Miss Macomber had been connected with library work all her life and left many friends in the city. She had been both President and Vice-President of the Vermont Library Association and a faithful attendant at the meetings where she will be greatly missed. In recent years her physical condition did not keep pace with her ambition, but she labored earnestly and capably under the circumstances. Miss Evelyn S. Lease, first assistant in the library, was appointed to succeed her. In the following autumn Miss Lease spent several weeks observing the work done in the large libraries in Newark, Pittsburg, and Cleveland. The library is now being recataloged by Miss Rebecca Wright of Montpelier, and the Modified Newark Charging System is being put in. Several hundred stereoscopic views have been purchased for use in the schools. School work and the publication of book-lists has been kept up as heretofore and also three traveling libraries sent to rural districts. Study clubs and teachers are encouraged to hold their meetings in the library hall. Book-lists on Agriculture and Domestic Economy have been printed and distributed through the neighboring Granges.

MORETOWN.—Free Library, Florence A. Haylett, librarian.—Town appropriation increased to \$50.00. Money has also been raised by subscription for new books.

MORRISTOWN.—Centennial Library, Oella A. Thompson, librarian.—Increase in circulation and purchase of books. Much interest in local history collection and in the distribution of periodicals.

NEWBURY.—Tenney Memorial Library, Frances M. Atkinson, librarian.—Time of opening has been increased from two to three times per week. Circulation has been the largest in its history, an average of over 61 per day. Over 300 new books added the past year and borrowers increased by 115. Children especially are interested and the village schools are well supplied. Some valuable stereoscopic views have been donated and more will be added later. \$95.00 in cash has been received. Among the special book funds is one for local history. About 75 volumes already are in this department, containing much valuable genealogy. The library also contains many interesting old papers, several dating back more than one hundred years. Among them a long document written by Gen. Burgoyne with his signature attached. Besides this there are signatures of Gen. Washington, John Jay, Witherspoon, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and Gov. Chittenden. Two branch libraries are kept in other parts of the town. Reading room supplied with 24 periodicals. Total number of books, 6,500.

NEWPORT.—Goodrich Memorial Library, Lizzie M. Sargent, librarian.—Increased patronage of reading room and reference room. Teachers allowed 10 books at a time.

NORTHFIELD.—Brown Public Library, Ellen L. Brown, librarian.—About 500 children's books have been given by Mr. George W. Brown, donor of the library, and a portion of the reference room has been given over to the children. Here the books were on exhibition for several days before being circulated. The library owns a case of valuable historical relics, and to this has lately been added a letter written to the grandfather of Mr. Brown by Gov. Chas. Paine in 1828.

NORTHFIELD.—Norwich University Library, Helen Cramton, librarian.—Miss Bessie Silverthorn, for one year assistant and for the past two years librarian, has resigned her position here to become first assistant in the Kellogg-Hubbard library in Montpelier. Miss Silverthorn was very efficient and made many friends in the University who will regret her departure. Miss Helen Cramton of the University of Vermont will succeed Miss Silverthorn.

NORWICH.—Public Library, Mary F. Olds, librarian.—New shelves have been added to the reading room and main room. Library supported by annual fees, 75 cents per year, or 25 cents

for three months. Books may be kept four weeks without fines. Forty-eight readers.

ORWELL.—Free Library. Addie M. Raymond, librarian.—A gain in circulation of 242 books and 395 magazines. Reading lists for the Women's Club have been prepared, also one on Champlain. Teachers have special privileges.

PEACHAM.—Juvenile Library Association, Mrs. Kate I. Hutchinson, librarian.—One thousand one hundred books given to the library recently. An old store has been purchased, repaired and fitted up by generous subscription, and one side is used as a library and reading room. The other side is used as a store. Cost of building, \$500; repairs for library, \$150. Total number of volumes, 3,445, not free.

PITTSFORD.—MacLure Library, Bertha M. Shaw, librarian.—A new children's room has been built, the gift of Dr. Henry F. Walker of New York. Teachers' meetings have been held, at one of which Dr. Swift gave a talk on Vermont ferns, illustrated with the lantern. Special work has been done with schools. Cosmos and other pictures have been loaned with burlap rolls on which to hang them. List of additions to the catalog has been published, also an excellent classified list of outdoor books.

PLYMOUTH.—Free Library, C. M. Hall, librarian.—There are three libraries in this town, a subscription library of 300 volumes at Plymouth Union and one at Tyson of 1,000 volumes, and in March, 1909, a free library was established by the town with state aid. This has been well patronized and has done work with schools and circulated traveling libraries from the state.

POMFRET.—Abbott Memorial Library, Mrs. Abba Doton Chamberlin, librarian.—Each school house in town has been made a branch library, bearing that sign, and every term two sets of books are sent from the main library, one of 12 volumes for the children and the other of 40 volumes for adults. Any school whose pupils will make a little book case will be furnished with books on animals by Mrs. Frank Mackenzie. These books will especially emphasize humane treatment. A fine set of blotters has been distributed, each one bearing a picture of an animal with directions for its care. A roll of honor is kept in the library, and the children of each school send in samples of their best work which are kept on exhibition for 12 weeks and those pupils having the best deportment have their names placed on the roll. The librarian has visited every school and given talks to the children on manners and morals. She also spent some time in the Newark, N. J., library learning book mending. A sermon and song service were given in the library each Sunday during the winter. The library

and the Grange have worked together for the past year. Additions are constantly being made to the relic room and portrait album. Many gifts of books, money, pictures and historical material have been received. A library symbol, gift of Mrs. Mackenzie, hangs over the fireplace and has been copied on letter heads and envelopes. The local papers have been supplied every week with news for which the librarian was awarded first publicity prize this year. Trees have been planted and picnics, parties, receptions and lectures have frequently been held at the library which is the center of all social life in the town. No fines are charged on overdue books. The Hosea Doton fund for a permanent endowment is being raised. A pamphlet will soon be issued, describing the work of this library in detail, and an exhibit of its work will be shown at the Windsor county fair.

PROCTOR.—Public Library, Mary Kendrick Norton, librarian.—An out-door bazaar was held two evenings at which \$600 was raised. Story hours for school children have been held, picture exhibits and art contests, and book lists have been printed for the public. For the past two years a Travel Club for young women has been conducted. Receptions with refreshments have been given to the school teachers, and tea has been served to the ladies of the town. On New Year's day the library kept open house for the townspeople. Special pictures adorned the walls and new books were placed around on little tables. It is hoped to make the library a social center.

PUTNEY.—Public Library, Freeda C. Pember, librarian.—Special privileges are given to teachers who may take all the books they wish for school for an indefinite period.

RANDOLPH.—Kimball Public Library, Alice C. McIntyre, librarian.—Picture bulletins are made for the children, and a list of birds, as they arrive, has been posted. Pictures of birds and flowers, and books have been lent to the village schools. An increase in the use of the reference room reported.

READING.—Public Library, Minnie C. Fay, librarian.—Circulation of books is very good, especially of non-fiction, more than one book is allowed each patron and people living at a distance may keep books six weeks. Back numbers of magazines have been sent to other parts of the town. Teachers may have all the books they wish and graded lists of books have been made for schools. \$5,000 has been left to the library by Clarence W. Marks of Chicago.

RICHFORD.—Arvin A. Brown library, Mrs. A. K. Brown, librarian.—Increased circulation. Reference books are loaned with an extension of time.

RICHMOND.—Free Library, Helen M. Kimball, librarian.—This town had a collection of books and an endowment left by Jonas Barber many years ago, but it was thought best to have library trustees elected by the town and apply for state aid. This was done, and in 1909 the library opened in new rooms. The year previous many of the old books had been destroyed by fire. Collections of books are to be sent to every rural school in town. A reading room is to be opened for at least two days in a week. The number of patrons has been greater than ever before and the standard of reading has been raised. A new library building is needed.

ROCHESTER.—Free Library, Helen McCray, librarian.—An increased demand by teachers for books to use in schools.

ROCKINGHAM.—Free Public Library, Mrs. E. J. Plantier, librarian.—The principal event at Bellows Falls has been the open-



ROCKINGHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, BELLOWS FALLS.

ing of the new building for which Andrew Carnegie gave \$15,000, and the town \$7,000. The building is situated on a commanding site overlooking the Connecticut river and facing Mt. Kilburn. It is built of gray brick, Roman size, and trimmed with artificial stone.

The steps are of granite with buttresses at each end. Two pillars of artificial stone, 18 inches in diameter and 16 feet high, supporting the arch at the side of the door, form the porch. The exterior is painted and sanded to match the artificial stone, the front is 60 feet long and the depth is 49 feet; height, a story and a half. A large bay window is at each end. The foundation is of concrete with a twelve-inch granite base. The basement has a cement floor and is ten feet high, and contains the furnace and book stacks of the old library, later it will be finished off. The first floor consists of vestibule, delivery room, stack room, reading room, children's room, reference room, librarian's room, toilet room and rear hall, and contains two open fire places. The vestibule and delivery room floors are of marble and terrazzo; the woodwork and other floors are of white oak. On the second floor are the cases containing a natural history collection and a lecture hall finished in white-wood with enamel coating. McLean & Wright of Boston were architects and J. D. Cote, contractor. The first library in town was incorporated by the legislature in 1799; various library societies have succeeded this; of the present board Hon. A. N. Swain has been a moving spirit for many years. A card catalog is soon to be made and a supplement to the printed catalog. The library has joined the Library Art Club from which it receives many fine exhibits. The manual training classes of the public schools also send exhibits to the library. Magazines are circulated and reference work has increased. Number of volumes, about 12,000.

ROYALTON.—Free Public Library, Mary E. Whitney, librarian.—A library room is now established in each of the two villages with a librarian for each, one in the town clerk's office and one in the high school building. A new card catalog has been made, and cases for circulation of books in district schools are to be purchased. A greater interest and circulation are reported.

RUTLAND.—Free Library, Lucy D. Cheney, librarian.—A children's hour has been held by a professional story teller. The attendance has been so great that the stories have been given in High School Assembly Hall, to 250 children. Lists of Yule-tide and astronomical books have been printed, and monthly sky maps have been on the bulletin board which have attracted much attention. The reading room has been opened Sundays, and the last annual circulation of books and pictures has increased to 64,686, with a drop of 1 per cent in fiction. A supplement to the printed catalog has been issued and many gifts reported.

RYEGATE.—Free Public Library, Mrs. C. F. Smith, librarian.—Maintains two branches; special privileges to teachers and schools. Great need of new books.

ST. JOHNSBURY.—Athenaeum, Rev. E. T. Fairbanks, librarian.—A bequest of \$25,000 has been received. Circulation and interest have increased. Books for topical study are sent to schools and assorted lists of books placed on reference table for pupils.

SHELBURNE.—Free Library, Miss H. E. Tracy, librarian.—A Library Building Club has been organized which has increased to 75 members, and which has raised nearly a thousand dollars for the purpose. One hundred has been given by Ex-Gov. Barstow, and the town has voted to place 10 per cent. of its grand list on interest for building provided the Club raises \$1500 on or before February 1, 1911.

SOUTH HERO.—Public Library, Miss Mary Allen, librarian.—A few ladies of the town are making plans to raise money for a small library building.

SPRINGFIELD.—Town Library Mrs. Kate W. Barney, librarian.—Lists have been issued on the following and other subjects,—Fiction men like, Books and stories about Christmas, Cheerful stories, Railroad and Detective stories, Helpful books on farming, Books about Lincoln, Longfellow and Washington, the last named were type-written with illustrated covers by pupils in the High School. Special attention has been paid to books for small children. About 30 new primers and first readers were purchased, and groups of grades one and two were invited to inspect them on little tables which they did with great delight. The list on agriculture was distributed to all grangers and farmers in town. Books for special readers have been borrowed from the Boston Public and the Forbes library, and books for ministers from the Boston Theological library. The library contains complete patent office files. The study club has met at the library and traveling libraries and pictures have been borrowed from the state for them. Gifts of books and \$50 have been received. New and old books have been particularly advertised. Every two weeks from 100 to 150 books are sent to the branch delivery station in North Springfield. The circulation of magazines is continued and the interest of the town continues unabated. The circulation averages 148 books per day, nearly 50,000 annually. Publicity items have been supplied regularly to the local papers.

STOWE.—Free Library, Mrs. M. A. Jenney, librarian.—A better class of books has been called for and an attempt is made to supply books needed for school use.

STRAFFORD.—Harris Library, Mrs. Helen D. Moore, librarian.—A bequest of \$5000 has been received from the late C. S. Barrett of Cleveland. Especial work is done with nature study in the schools, one district school reported 57 varieties of wild flowers

the first three weeks of school. Two traveling libraries which were much appreciated have been sent to neighborhoods remote from the library and another will be sent out soon. Two book cases have been given to Mrs. Ferris of Glens Falls.

SWANTON.—Free Library, Elizabeth Rogers, librarian.—The King's Daughters continue their efforts for the library, and have received an offer of a building lot for the library in a fine location. Their building fund has increased to \$2000. At a library week celebration in 1908, \$1500 was raised. The birthday party has been held every year. Gifts at the last one amounted to \$100. Special work is done with schools and study clubs. Strips for a mile of pennies have been distributed.

THETFORD.—Latham Memorial Library, Mrs. F. E. Garey, librarian.—Circulation and interest increasing. A branch library has been opened in the most distant part of the town. Lists of new books received have been put up in the Post Office with excellent results. Five traveling library stations have been established.

UNDERHILL.—Town Library, Mrs. Leslie Terrill, librarian.—The library has been moved into a new room and the interest increased. Books and pictures are to be sent to each school in the fall.

VERGENNES.—City Library, Adella V. Ingham, librarian.—A gratifying increase in the number of borrowers during the year, especially children who may now take books for school use free. It is hoped that work on the new Bixby Memorial building may commence soon.

VERSHIRE.—Public Library, Mrs. F. J. Akerman, librarian.—A new board of trustees and new librarian have been elected, and \$75.00 worth of new books will soon be bought and work with schools will be begun.

WALLINGFORD.—Gilbert Hart Library, May L. Congdon, librarian.—A new children's room, 12 x 30, making a double room connected by an archway will be completed by September. It is to be finished in quartered oak with a cross beam ceiling. Donor Capt. Hart of Detroit. Two branch libraries continue in operation and the schools in town have been supplied with books. Exhibits of school work have been held and wild flowers supplied by the children. Application has been made for a state forestry exhibit. Excellent work done in all departments.

WARDSBORO.—Free Library, Mrs. L. S. Axtell, librarian.—Mr. James M. Gleason has built and presented to the town the Gleason Memorial Hall, which contains a large room for the

library. It is provided with handsome book cases with sliding glass doors, and new furniture, including chairs, tables, stove and chandelier.

WATERBURY.—Public Library, Mrs. Alice M. Smith, librarian.—The library has been recataloged, on cards, and the first number of bulletin of additions issued. Several books are sent to the branch at Waterbury Center every month. All schools in town are supplied with packages of books. Notices of new books added each month are sent to the local papers. Circulation has increased 10 per cent. Waterbury Inn is the only hotel in the state to operate a free circulating library for the benefit of its guests. It has several hundred carefully selected volumes which are added to frequently and which the traveling public greatly appreciate.

WEATHERSFIELD.—Proctor Library, Nellie P. Blanchard, librarian.—During the summer exhibits have been held of local amateur photography, wood carving, embroidery and handwork, flowers and nature study collections.

WEST FAIRLEE.—Town Library, Maude A. Bliss, librarian.—Gifts received from the Embroidery Club of books, magazines, etc.

WESTON.—Wilder Memorial Library, Nanna J. French, librarian.—In July, 1909, the books were moved into the new Wilder Memorial building, presented by the heirs of John Wilder, one of the early inhabitants of the town. His descendants purchased the old brick building in which he had once lived and used for an office and store house, and remodeled it entirely at a cost of about \$5,000. The inside is finely finished in oak with gothic arches and grill work overhead. Oak book cases, furniture and all the material for a card catalog were also donated. The cataloging has been completed and the people are enjoying the reading room and use of the books very much. Over 800 visitors have registered in the visitors' book. Six hundred eighty-nine books and 132 magazines were circulated the first six months. A complete collection of the children's books, published by Ginn, have been donated by a member of the firm. All the district schools are to be supplied with collections of books.

WHEELOCK.—Public Library, Mrs. G. L. Gerry, librarian.—Books will be circulated in all the schools in the fall. Interest of townspeople very good.

WHITING.—Town Library, Mrs. C. Mason, librarian.—State aid was asked and granted for establishing a library in March, 1909, and the town appropriated \$15.00.

WILLISTON.—Public Library, Sylvia A. Warren, librarian.—Library continues to grow slowly in books and interest. A card

catalog has been made and the children have been interested in nature study.

WILMINGTON.—**Pettee Memorial Library, Kathleen Parmlee, librarian.**—A bequest of \$1,000 has been received from Oscar M. Lawton, gift of 57 volumes from Mr. J. H. Flagg of New York City. Interest of public continues.

WINDSOR.—**Town Library, Marsh O. Perkins, librarian.**—A trust fund of \$1,600 received for the support of library work. Increase in circulation and good outlook. A description of the building, pictures of which appear for the first time in this report, may be found in the Fifth Biennial Report.



ROCKINGHAM FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, BELKOWS FALLS
INTERIOR.

WOODSTOCK.—**Norman Williams Library, Mrs. O. B. Jaquith, librarian.**—Three hundred sixty-eight volumes were added last year, and a few early Woodstock imprints were received. The library is making a collection of early Vermont imprints. A bird list is kept in the library and printed bird lists with blanks for observation have been distributed to the school children. Teachers are allowed an unlimited number of books on school card. Sixty-five periodicals are on the reading room tables. The reading room is open Sundays from 9 to 12 A. M., and from 1 to 9 P. M., and is largely patronized. Seven thousand seven hundred twenty-two borrowers; cards have been issued.

LAWS OF VERMONT RELATING TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

No. 52, Acts 1908. An Act relating to the State Board of Library Commissioners.

APPOINTMENT. VACANCIES.

SECTION 1. A board of five persons, residents of the state, one of whom shall be appointed annually by the governor and whose term of office shall be five years, shall constitute a state board of library commissioners. The governor shall designate the chairman of and fill all vacancies in said board.

ADVICE, REPORT, LIBRARY INSTITUTE.

SEC. 2. The librarian or trustees of a free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection and cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of a library, and said board shall give such advice in regard to such matters as it shall find practicable. Said board shall biennially make a report of its doings to the general assembly, at the expense of the state.

For the purpose of rendering assistance to the librarians of free public libraries, said board may annually hold a school of instruction, at such time and place as may best serve the public interest, and the necessary expense of each such librarian in attendance at such school of instruction may be paid by the town, city or incorporated village in which said librarian is employed.

PROVIDE BOOKS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

SEC. 3. Said board shall, upon the application of the board of library trustees of a town, city or incorporated village, without a free public library owned and controlled by such town, city or incorporated village, expend a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for such town, city, or incorporated village. Such books shall be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and said board shall select and purchase books so provided.

PROVISION FOR ANNUAL AID.

SEC. 4. In addition to the expenditure of the sum specified in the preceding section, said board may, in its discretion, assist free public libraries as follows:

If a town whose grand list, exclusive of polls, does not exceed ten thousand dollars, through its library trustees satisfies the said board that it has a free public library or libraries, which are doing practical and efficient work for the public benefit and are rendering useful assistance to the public schools of such town, the board may expend such amounts at such times as they may determine, not exceeding one hundred dollars annually for the purchase of books for such free public library or libraries owned and controlled by such town. The total



PUBLIC LIBRARY, FAIRLEE, INTERIOR.

amount expended by said board of library commissioners, under this section, shall not exceed one thousand dollars for a year. Said board shall certify to the auditor of accounts the sum or sums required by them under this section and he shall draw orders therefor, payable to said board.

CARE AND CONTROL OF BOOKS.

SEC. 5. If the local authorities of a free public library, any part of whose books have been paid for with state funds,

fail to provide for the safety and public usefulness of such books, and knowledge of this delinquency comes to the attention of said board, it shall notify the trustees of said library in writing of what is necessary to meet the requirements of said board, and, if such trustees neglect to comply with such requirements for a period of sixty days after service of such notice, the books paid for with state money shall be under full and direct control of said board to be used for the public benefit in such manner as to it may seem best.

COMPENSATION. EXPENDITURES.

SEC. 6. No member of said board, except its secretary, shall receive compensation.

Said board may expend not exceeding two thousand dollars, annually, for necessary expenses in the discharge of its duties, including expenses for the transportation of books, and exclusive of the necessary expense of making its report to the general assembly.

It may employ a secretary and pay him such salary as to it seems suitable out of the appropriation herein provided.

The auditor of accounts shall draw an order in favor of said board for sums expended by it under the provisions of this act.

RULES.

SEC. 7. Said board of library commissioners may make necessary rules for its government and for the care of the libraries furnished by the state.

TOWNS.

APPROPRIATIONS.

SEC. 8. A town, city or incorporated village, voting to instruct its board of library trustees to make application to the state board of library commissioners under the fifth preceding section shall annually appropriate for the maintenance of its free public library a sum not less than fifty dollars, if its grand list is ten thousand dollars or over, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars, if its grand list is less than ten thousand dollars and not less than twenty-five hundred dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars if its grand list is less than

twenty-five hundred dollars; and the proper officer of such town, city or incorporated village shall annually, in the month of September, draw an order on the treasurer of the town, city or incorporated village, payable to such trustees for the amount of such appropriation, without the town, city, or incorporated village having voted such appropriation.

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

SEC. 9. No town, city or incorporated village shall be entitled to the benefits of the first and sixth preceding sections, unless such town, city or incorporated village has elected a board of library trustees and voted to instruct such board to make application to the state board of library commissioners, and said trustees have provided, in a manner satisfactory to the state board of library commissioners, for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this chapter.

The provisions of sections 24, 25 and 26 hereof shall apply to the election of boards of library trustees under this section, and to said trustees when so elected.

TOWNS ACCEPTING CONDITIONS TO RECEIVE BENEFITS.

SEC. 10. When a town, city or incorporated village has accepted the provisions of the preceding section, the state board of library commissioners shall so certify to the auditor of accounts, who shall draw an order payable to said board for one hundred dollars, to be expended in the purchase of books as provided in the seventh preceding section.

TRAVELING LIBRARIES.

APPROPRIATION.

SEC. 11. The state board of library commissioners may expend a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars, annually, for the purchase of books for traveling libraries and in their necessary equipment, and may also expend a sum not exceeding one hundred fifty dollars, annually, for clerical work in cataloguing and preparing such books for circulation and for other necessary work in connection therewith.

Sums expended under the provisions of this section shall be certified by the chairman of said board to the auditor of

accounts, who shall draw an order for the payment of the same.

MANAGEMENT.

SEC. 12. Said board shall have the full management and control of traveling libraries and make necessary rules and regulations for the use and government of the same.

WHO ENTITLED TO.

SEC. 13. Three or more citizens may organize a library association, and, on compliance with the rules, regulations and requirements of the state board of library commissioners, shall, in the discretion of said board, be entitled to the use of traveling libraries without charge other than for expense of transportation of the same.

A local library, literary or other club, agricultural or other society, grange, college, seminary, university extension center, study circle, or other association shall, on the same terms and in the discretion of the commissioners, have the use of such traveling libraries.

FOR SCHOOLS.

SEC. 14. The superintendent of schools and school directors for the several towns of the state may apply to the state board of library commissioners for traveling libraries for use in schools in their towns and to pay the expenses of transportation of the same from the school funds of their respective towns.

INCORPORATION OF LIBRARIES.

WHEN PROPERTY IS GIVEN TO TRUSTEES.

SEC. 15. Trustees to whom real or personal property is devised, bequeathed, granted, conveyed or donated for the foundation and establishment of a free public library, may, unless otherwise provided by the deviser, grantor or donor of such property, in order to promote the better establishment, maintenance and management of such library, cause a corporation to be formed under the provisions of the three following sections.

INCORPORATION—HOW EFFECTED.

SEC. 16. Said trustees may make, sign and acknowledge and file in the office of the secretary of state a statement in

writing setting forth the intent of said trustees to form a corporation, a copy of the will or instrument by which the endowment of such library is provided, the name adopted for the corporation, which shall not be the name of a corporation already existing, and the town or village in which such library and the principal place of business of such corporation will be located, the number of managers who may be denominated trustees, managers or directors of such corporation, and the names of the trustees, managers or directors who are to constitute the original board and who shall hold office until their successors are



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respectively elected and qualified, as provided in the second following section.

SEC. 17. The secretary of state shall forthwith, upon the filing of such statement in his office, issue to the incorporators under his hand and seal, a certificate of which such statement shall be a part, declaring that the organization of the corporation is perfected. The incorporators shall forthwith cause such certificate to be recorded in the office of the county clerk of the

county in which such library is to be located ; and thereupon the corporation shall be deemed fully organized and may proceed to carry out its corporate purposes, and receive by conveyance from the trustees the property provided for the endowment of such library, and may hold the same in whatever form it may have been received or conveyed by said trustees, until such form shall be changed by action of such corporation.

POWERS OF CORPORATION.

SEC. 18. An organization formed under the two preceding sections shall be a body corporate and politic, to be known by the name stated in its certificate or articles of incorporation ; and by such corporate name, it shall have and possess the ordinary rights and incidents of a corporation, and shall be capable of taking, holding and disposing of real and personal estate for the purposes of its organization. The provisions of a will, deed or other instrument by which an endowment of a library is provided, and accepted by the trustees, managers or directors shall, as to such endowment, be a part of the organic and fundamental law of such corporation.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 19. The trustees, managers or directors of such corporation shall compose its members and shall not be more than nine nor less than five in number. Said trustees, managers or directors shall elect the officers of the corporation from their number and have control and management of the affairs and property of the same, may accept donations and, in their discretion, hold the same in the form in which they are given for the purposes of science, literature and art germane to the objects and purposes of such corporation. They may fill, by election subject to the approval of the chief judge of the supreme court, vacancies occurring in their number, and may make by-laws for the management of such corporation and library, which by-laws shall set forth the officers of the corporation and define and prescribe their respective duties. They may appoint and employ from time to time agents and employes, as they may deem necessary for the efficient administration and conduct of the library and the other affairs of such corporation. Whenever a trustee, manager or director is elected to fill a

vacancy, a certificate under the seal of the corporation, giving the name of the person elected, shall be recorded in the office of the county clerk where the articles of incorporation are recorded.

EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION.

SEC. 20. Whenever the instrument providing the endowment declares that the institution shall be a free public library, such library and other property of the corporation shall be forever exempt from taxation.

TOWN AND VILLAGE LIBRARIES.

ESTABLISHMENT.

SEC. 21. A town, incorporated village or city may establish and maintain public libraries, with or without branches, for the use of its inhabitants, and may annually contract with a library or library association, incorporated under the general law or by a special act of the general assembly, to furnish books to its inhabitants free, and may appropriate money therefor, and may annually appropriate money for the maintenance, care, increase and support of a library held in trust for such town, incorporated village or city, or the inhabitants thereof.

APPROPRIATION FOR MAINTENANCE.

SEC. 22. A town, incorporated village or city establishing and maintaining a library may appropriate for suitable rooms and buildings and for the foundation of such a library a sum not exceeding three dollars for each ratable poll in such town, incorporated village or city in the preceding year, and may also appropriate annually, for the maintenance, care and increase thereof, such sum of money as such town, incorporated village or city may vote at its annual meeting, and may receive, hold and manage a devise, bequest or gift for a public library.

TRUSTEES.

SEC. 23. A town, incorporated village or city, which has established or shall hereafter establish a public library may elect at its annual meeting a board of five trustees, who shall have full power to manage such public library and to receive, control and manage property which shall come into the hands,

of such town, incorporated village or city by gift, purchase, devise or bequest for the use and benefit of such library.

TRUSTEES' TERM OF OFFICE.

SEC. 24. At the meeting when said trustees are first chosen, they shall be elected for the following terms: one for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years, and until their respective successors are chosen. Their successors shall be elected for the term



GLEASON MEMORIAL HALL CONTAINING FREE LIBRARY. WARDSBORO.

of five years, but a person chosen to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the remainder of the unexpired term.

ANNUAL REPORT.

SEC. 25. Said trustees shall make report to the annual meeting of the town, incorporated village, or city of the condition of the library and of the management and expenditure of such moneys as have come into their hands.

MONEYS—HOW PAID OUT.

SEC. 26. Moneys raised for a library shall be paid out by

an agent to be appointed by the selectmen of a town, the trustees of an incorporated village, or the mayor of a city, unless library trustees have been elected.

UNION OF LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS.

SEC. 27. Two incorporated library associations in the same town may, by a majority vote of the members of each of such associations, at meetings thereof warned for that purpose, unite and assume the corporate name of either of such associations.

LIBRARIES ENTITLED TO VERMONT DOCUMENTS.

SEC. 28. When a town has established a public library, such town may, at an annual meeting, vote to place in such library a copy of such documents and volumes heretofore received by such town for it or its town clerk's office as it shall designate and also a copy of such documents and volumes hereafter to be received from the state, except the Vermont reports, Vermont Public Documents and other books and documents provided by law to be kept in the town clerk's office, as it shall designate.

The ownership of such books shall continue in the town; but their use shall be enjoyed by the library until such town shall otherwise vote.

BOOKS TO BE DELIVERED BY STATE.

SEC. 29. The state librarian shall deliver to a town public library that has been voted by its town the use of books owned by such town, such duplicate documents and volumes published or provided by the state, as can, in the judgment of the trustees of the state library, be delivered without prejudice to the state library.

Such documents and volumes shall be delivered on application stating what books have already been received from the town, and the property in such documents and volumes shall remain in the state; but their use shall be enjoyed by such public library, until the state librarian is directed by law to demand their return to the state library.

BOOKS TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES NOT ESTABLISHED BY TOWNS.

SEC. 30. When a public library exists in a town and is

not established by it, such town may, at an annual meeting, by a two-thirds vote, make the provisions named in the second preceding section in respect to use by the library of books owned by the town apply to such library; and, in case of such vote, the provisions of the preceding section shall apply to such library the same as if it were established and maintained by such town.

ELIGIBILITY OF WOMEN.

SEC. 3429. A woman twenty-one years of age may be elected or appointed town clerk, town treasurer, and trustee of public libraries, provided she has resided in such town one year preceding such election or appointment.

EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION.

SEC. 496. VI. The following property shall be exempt from taxation:

Real and personal estate granted, sequestered or used for public, pious or charitable uses; real and personal estate used by public and private circulating libraries, open to the public and not used for profit; lands leased by towns for educational purposes; and lands owned or leased by colleges, academies or other public schools, or leased by towns for the support of the gospel; and lands and buildings owned and used by towns for the support of the poor therein; but private buildings on such lands shall be set in the list to the owners thereof, and shall not be exempt.

JAIL LIBRARY.

SEC. 6120. Jailers shall receive books given by Christian churches and benevolent individuals in their respective counties, for a library for persons confined in jail. The jailer shall enter the names of the donors in a book of record, with the titles of the books, which shall be open to the inspection of all persons. The jailer shall be librarian and shall keep safely the books in the library and distribute them to persons confined in jail, and exchange the same from time to time; but he shall not deliver books to a person who in his opinion will destroy or misuse them.

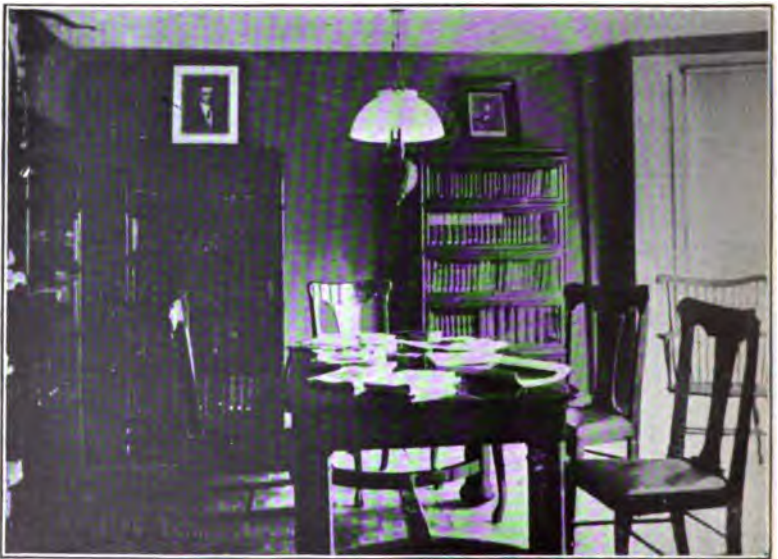
APPROPRIATION FOR STATE PRISON LIBRARY.

SEC. 6083. The board of penal institutions shall appropriate fifty dollars annually, to be expended by the superintendent of

the state prison under its direction in the purchase of books to be added to the library of the state prison.

BOOKS AND PAPERS BELONGING TO LIBRARIES.

SEC. 5855. A person who wilfully and maliciously writes upon or injures a book, plate, picture, engraving or statue belonging to a law, town or public library shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, nor less than five dollars.



JUVENILE LIBRARY, PEACHAM, READING ROOM.

GIFTS TO LIBRARIES WHICH HAVE BECOME AVAIL- ABLE SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT OF 1908.

| LIBRARY. | DONATION. | DONOR. |
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| Andover | 12 vols. 11 vols. 33 vols. 2 vols. Books | B. A. Park. Mrs. Van Epps. A. H. Fuller. Dr. Densmore. Friends. |
| Bakersfield | 20 vols. | Johnathan Barney. |
| Brigham Academy | 6 vols. | Friends. |
| Barre, Aldrich Public. | Picture of Young St. John Pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding | King's Daughters. |
| Bennington Center. | \$ 100.00 | Friends. |
| Old Academy | 601.00 and new catalog case | A. G. Farr. |
| Brandon | 50.00 Small contributions | E. J. Ormsbee. Friends. |
| Brattleboro | Books and magazines | Friends. |
| Bridport | Books | Ladies' Society and High School. |
| Bristol | 39 vols. 7 vols. \$ 8,000.00 for building. | F. D. Farr. Friends. |
| Burke, Burrington | 35 vols. | W. A. Lawrence. |
| West Burke | | Howard Burrington. |
| Association | \$ 10.00 Books on Civil War worth \$100.00 | Village Improvement Society. |
| Burlington, U. V. M. | Set of challenge reports | Gen. R. C. Hawkins. |
| Burlington, Fletcher | Dutch rug | D. P. Kingsley. |
| Cambridge, Cresendo | Books | Mrs. Chester Griswold. |
| Castleton Public | Books | Other libraries. |
| Cavendish, Fletcher | 100 vols. | Mrs. M. P. Clough. |
| Charlotte, Breezy Point | File of magazines | Mrs. Eddy. |
| Chelsea | Books | Friends. |
| Chester, Whiting | 900 vols. | Hillas E. Roberts. |
| Colchester, Winooski. | Books 22 vols. 100 vols. and \$100.00 | Friends. Ladies' Progressive Study Club. |
| Cornwall | Several vols. magazines. | Reading Club. |
| Craftsbury, Academy | 20 vols. | Friends. |
| Danville | \$ 1,000.00 | Marshall Morrill |
| Dorset | Books \$ 30.00 25.00 5.00 400.00 50.00 | Mr. Pope and others. Miss C. de Nottbeck. Miss Houghton. Mrs. Crane. Olin Merrill. Friend. |
| Enosburg | 45 vols. | Mrs. George A. Vail. |
| Fair Haven | 5 vols. Magazines Books 150 vols. | Friends. Friends. Friends. Mrs. T. N. Glover. |
| Grafton | \$ 100.00 and 22 vols. works of Dr. Andrew Jackson Davis | Joseph Leighton. |
| Guilford | 154 vols. and Gov. His- tory of Civil War | S. E. Pingree. |
| Hartford | Books, magazines, and periodicals | Friend. |
| Gates Memorial | 13 vols. 5 vols. 9 vols. | H. G. Rugg. L. E. Lamb. Friends. |
| Hartland | | |

| LIBRARY. | DONATION. | DONOR. |
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| Highgate | 92 vols. | Capt. H. P. Meigs. |
| Hinesburg | 10 vols. of Harper's Magazine | Mrs. Kate B. Russell. |
| | 5 vols. | H. M. Page. |
| | 60 vols. | Miss Mary L. Willson. |
| | 10 vols. Saafield's Americanized Encyclopedia Britanica | |
| Jericho | 7 vols. | Dr. C. J. Russell. |
| Johnson | Books | Friends. |
| | Books | Friends. |
| Londonderry, South | Table and chairs | Frank Waterman. |
| Lunenburg | \$ 50.00 | Friend. |
| Alden Balch Memorial | 1,450.00 | Enos Lamson. |
| Lyndon, Cobleigh | 350.00 | Woman's Club. |
| | 125.00 | Friends. |
| Middlebury | 500.00 | Dr. M. Allen Star. |
| Egbert Starr | 50 vols. and \$100.00 | Edward L. Stevens. |
| Montpeller | Books | Friends. |
| Kellogg-Hubbard | | |
| Newbury | \$ 1,500.00 | Miss M. J. Tenney. |
| Tenney Memorial | 593 vols. | Géo. W. Brown. |
| Northfield, Brown | 15 vols. magazines, bound | Ladies' Clubs. |
| | 20 vols. | Friends. |
| Norwich | Books and \$5.00 | Friends. |
| Orwell | 14 vols. and old magazines | Friends. |
| Peacham, Juvenile | 1,100 vols. | Col. Geo. Harvey. |
| | \$ 500.00 | Syndicate of twenty persons for building. |
| Pittsford, Maclure | 600.00 and new children's room | Dr. Henry F. Walker. |
| | \$ 50.00 | Mary J. Eaton. |
| Plymouth | 25.00 | Ladies' Social Union. |
| | | John Cotton Dana and friends. |
| Pomfret | 539 vols. | Judge D. T. Carnes. |
| Abbott Memorial | Stationary photograph album | Mrs. F. S. Mackenzie. |
| | Library symbol | |
| | Portraits, old relics, etc. | Friends. |
| Poultney | 101 leather bound vols. of Harper's magazine | |
| Proctor | \$ 212.00 | Mrs. M. T. Lynde. |
| Reading | 5,000.00 | Miss Emily D. Proctor. |
| Rockingham | 15,000.00 building | Clarence W. Marks. |
| " Vt. Academy | 50.00 and books | Andrew Carnegie. |
| St. Johnsbury | 25,000 | Friends. |
| Sharon | 263 vols. | Miss Alice Downes. |
| Shelburne | 41 vols. and \$100.00 | Mrs. W. S. Webb. |
| | 19 vols. | J. Watson Webb. |
| | 26 vols. | Dr. W. S. Webb. |
| | 19 vols. | C. L. Barstow. |
| | 186 vols. | Mrs. Dorsey Taylor. |
| | 4 vols. | Friends. |
| Sheldon | Encyclopedia | Mrs. C. R. Draper. |
| Shoreham | \$ 40.00 | H. M. Barnum. |
| Platt Memorial | Gifts | Friends. |
| | \$ 300.00 annually | One of Trustees. |
| Springfield, Spafford | 5,000 | Estate of C. S. Barrett. |
| Stafford, Harris | | |
| Wallingford | New children's room | Gilbert Hart. |
| Gilbert Hart | \$ 100.00 | Mrs. C. B. Dexter. |
| Wardsboro | 50.00 | Mrs. L. M. Blanchard. |
| | 100.00 | C. M. Dexter. |
| | 100.00 | F. M. Gooding. |
| | Memorial Hall | James M. Gleason. |
| Westford | Books | Fortnightly Club and Friends. |

| LIBRARY. | DONATION. | DONOR. |
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| Weston, Wilder | \$ 50.00 and material for cataloging library. 16 vols. | Lewis J. Parkhurst. Friends. |
| Weybridge, Cotton | Wilder Mem. Building. 45 vols. Books | Heirs of John Wilder. B. W. Dodge. C. A. Dodge. |
| Wilmington | \$ 1,000.00 | Oscar M. Lawton. |
| Pettee Memorial | 57 vols. | John H. Flagg. Friends. |
| Windham | \$ 15.00 and books. | |
| Windsor | 1,600.00 80.00 annually 80.00 annually 50.00 annually, and other gifts. 50.00 30.00 | Mrs. C. C. Beeman. Maxwell Evarts. Sherman Evarts. Dr. O. W. Day. Friend. |

TOWNS CLASSIFIED AS TO LIBRARIES.

The towns are classified according to their free library privileges as follows:

Class 1.

Towns which have free public libraries owned and controlled by the town and organized with state aid. (All towns in this list marked † were organized without state aid.)

| | | |
|---------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Addison, | †Fair Haven, | Middletown Springs, |
| Alburg, | Fairlee, | Milton, |
| Andover, | Fairfax, | Montgomery, |
| Athens, | Fairfield, | Moretown, |
| Bakersfield, | Fletcher, | New Haven, |
| Barnard, | Franklin, | Newport, |
| Barnet, | Georgia, | Northfield, |
| Barton, | Glover, | Orange, |
| Belvidere, | †Grafton, | Orwell, |
| Bennington, | Granby, | Pawlet, |
| Benson, | Granville, | Peru, |
| Braintree, | Greensboro, | Pittsfield, |
| †Brattleboro, | Groton, | Plymouth, |
| Bridport, | †Guilford, | Pomfret, |
| Brighton, | Hardwick, | Poultney, |
| Bristol, | Hartland, | Putney, |
| Burke, | Highgate, | Randolph, |
| Cabot, | Hinesburg, | Reading, |
| Cambridge, | †Huntington, | Readsboro, |
| Canaan, | Hyde Park, | †Richford, |
| Castleton, | Isle La Motte, | Richmond, |
| †Cavendish, | Jericho, | Ripton, |
| Charleston, | Johnson, | Rochester, |
| †Chelsea, | Kirby, | †Rockingham, |
| †Chester, | Landgrove, | Royalton, |
| Chittenden, | Lincoln, | Ryegate, |
| Concord, | †Lowell, | Salisbury, |
| Cornwall, | Lunenburg, | †St. Albans, |
| Enosburg, | Lyndon, | §St. Albans (Town of), |
| Essex, | Marshfield, | Sharon, |

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|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----|
| Sheffield, | Underhill, | Westford, | |
| Shelburne, | Vernon, | West Haven, | |
| Sheldon, | Vershire, | Westmore, | |
| Shoreham, | Victory, | Weston, | |
| South Hero, | Waitsfield, | West Windsor, | |
| Stamford, | Walden, | Weybridge, | |
| Stockbridge, | Wardsboro, | Wheelock, | |
| †Stowe, | Warren, | Whiting, | |
| †Strafford, | Washington, | Whitingham, | |
| Sunderland, | Waterbury, | Williston, | |
| Sutton, | Waterford, | Wilmington, | |
| Swanton, | Waterville, | Windham, | |
| Thetford, | West Fairlee, | Winoski, | |
| Townshend, | Westfield, | Woodbury, | |
| Number organized with state aid, | . | . | 118 |
| Number organized without state aid, | . | . | 12 |
| Total, | . | . | 130 |

†Has free use of public library in St. Albans (City) and makes annual appropriation for its support.

Class 2.

Towns which have free libraries in which the town has limited representation in the management.

| | | |
|-------------|--------------|----------|
| Burlington, | Springfield, | Total—2. |
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Class 3.

Towns in which there are free libraries to which the town appropriates money, but is not represented in the management.

| | | |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Bethel, | Maldstone, | Rutland, |
| Brandon, | Morristown, | Wallingford, |
| Craftsbury, | Newbury, | Weathersfield, |
| Guildhall, | Pittsford, | West Rutland, |
| Ludlow, | Proctor, | Windsor, |
| | | Total—13. |

Class 4.

Towns having free libraries which receive no aid from the town.

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|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Charlotte, | Lowell, | Williamstown, |
| Danby, | Montpelier, | Woodford, |
| Derby, | Newfane, | Woodstock, |
| Hartford, | St. Johnsbury, | Total—11. |

Class 5.

Towns having libraries which are not free.

| | | |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Arlington, | Danville, | Norwich, |
| Bradford, | Dorset, | Peacham, |
| Brookfield, | Grand Isle, | Shaftsbury, |
| Calais, | Londonderry, | Vergennes, |
| Clarendon, | Manchester, | Westminster, |
| Colchester, | Middlebury, | |
| Corinth, | Newark, | Total—19. |

Class 6.

Towns which have no library.

| | | |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Albany, | Hancock, | *Rutland (Town of), |
| Baltimore, | *Holland, | St. George. |
| *Barre (Town of), | Hubbardton, | Sandgate, |
| Berkshire, | Ira, | Searsburg, |
| Berlin, | Irassburg, | Sherburne, |
| Boonfield, | Jamaica, | Shrewsbury, |
| *Bolton, | Jay, | Somerset, |
| Brookline, | Leicester, | South Burlington, |
| Brownington, | *Lemington. | Stannard, |
| Brunswick, | Marlboro, | *Starksboro, |
| Coventry, | Mendon, | Stratton, |
| Dover, | Middlesex, | Sudbury, |
| *Dummerston, | Monkton, | Tinmouth, |
| Duxbury, | *Morgan, | Topsham, |
| East Haven, | *Mt. Holly, | Troy, |
| East Montpelier, | Mt. Tabor, | *Tunbridge, |
| Eden, | North Hero, | Waltham, |
| *Elmore, | Norton, | *Wells, |
| Fayston, | Panton, | Winhall, |
| Ferrisburg, | Plainfield, | *Wolcott, |
| Glastenbury, | Pownal, | *Worcester, |
| Goshen, | *Roxbury, | Total—67. |
| *Halifax, | Rupert, | |

*Of these 17, marked with star, have traveling library stations.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF LIBRARIES ESTABLISHED BY AID OF THE COMMISSION.

1895.

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Andover Town Library, | Peru Free Public Library, |
| Barton Town Library, | Poultney Free Public Library, |
| Canaan Free Library, | Ripton Free Library, |
| Chittenden Public Library, | Rochester Free Public Library, |
| Georgia Free Public Library, | Ryegate Free Library, |
| Granby, Sunset Library, | Sharon Public Library, |
| Groton Public Library, | Shelburne Free Library, |
| Granville Public Library, | Sheldon Town Library, |
| Hardwick, Hathaway Free Public | South Hero Library, |
| [Library, | Stamford Free Public Library, |
| Hyde Park Public Library, | Stockbridge Free Public Lib- |
| Island Pond Public Library, | [rary. |
| Isle La Motte Public Library, | Sutton Free Library, |
| Johnson Public Library, | Vershire Town Library, |
| Kirby Free Public Library, | Walden Free Public Library, |
| Landgrove Public Library, | Waterville Town Library, |
| Lunenburg Public Library, | Westford Town Library, |
| Lyndon Free Public Library, | West Windsor Free Public |
| Marshfield Town Library, | [Library, |
| Montgomery Free Public Library, | Wilmington Free Library, |
| Northfield Free Public Library, | Windham Library, |
| Orange Public Library, | Woodbury Town Library. |

1896.

Alburgh Town Library,
Athens Public Library,
Cabot Public Library,
Concord Library,
Enosburg Town Library,
Fletcher Public Library,
Franklin Library,
Hartland Public Library,
Newport Town Library,

Orwell Free Library,
Pomfret Public Library,
Randolph Public Library,
Royalton Free Public Library.
Sunderland Town Library,
Waitsfield Public Library,
Waterford Public Library,
Westmore Public Library.

1897.

Castleton Free Public Library,
Highgate Town Library,
Reading (Felchville), The Davis
[Library,

Victory Public Library,
Wheelock Public Library.

1898.

Benson Public Library,
Fairlee Public Library,
Milton Free Library,

Shoreham Public Library,
Weston Public Library,

1899.

Cambridge Town Library,
Essex Public Library,
Fairfax Free Library,
Jericho Town Library,
Middletown Springs Public
Library
Readsboro Free Library,
Swanton Free Library,
Townshend Public Library,

Wardsboro Free Public
[Library.
Westfield Town Library,
West Haven Free Public
[Library.
Weybridge Free Public
[Library.
Whitingham Free Library.

1900.

Barnet Public Library,
Braintree Public Library,
Warren Town Library.

Greensboro Free Library,
Lincoln Free Library,

1901.

Fairfield Free Library,
New Haven Town Library,

Salisbury Public Library.

1902.

Addison Public Library,
Bristol Free Library,

Hinesburg Public Library.

1903.

Barnard, Charles B. Danforth
[Free Public Library,
*Gulldhall Free Public Library,

Pawlet Public Library,
Underhill Town Library,

1905.

Cornwall Free Library,
Moretown Town Library,
Sheffield Free Public Library,
Vernon Free Public Library,

Waterbury Town Library,
West Fairlee Free public
[Library,
Williston Public Library,

1906.

Burke, Burrington Library.

1907.

Bakersfield Free Public Library.

Winooski Free Library.

1908.

Thetford, Latham Memorial Library.

1909.

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|----------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Addison | Addison | Addison free public | Mrs. Myron A. Smith | Vergennes | 1902 | Yes | Yes | 475 | 290 | \$ 25.00 | | 881 |
| Albany | Orleans | No | | | | | | | | | | 1,028 |
| Alburgh | Grand Isle | Alburgh public | Mrs. Josie R. Lewis | Alburgh | 1890 | Yes | Yes | 550 | | 25.00 | | 1,474 |
| Andover | Windsor | Andover town | Adella E. Stannard | Simonsville | 1896 | Yes | Yes | 2,136 | 2,466 | 15.00 | | 372 |
| Arlington | Bennington | Arlington circulating | Martha H. Canfield | Arlington | 1899 | No | No | 450 | 511 | | | 1,193 |
| Athens | Windham | Athens public | Mrs. Josephine S. Hastings | Cambridgeport | 1896 | Yes | Yes | 441 | | 15.00 | | 180 |
| Bakersfield | Franklin | Bakersfield free public | Mrs. W. O. Start | Bakersfield | 1906 | Yes | Yes | 250 | 314 | 25.00 | | 1,158 |
| Baltimore | Windsor | Brigham Academy | | | 1879 | Yes | No | 1,000 | | | | 55 |
| Barnard | | No | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barnet | Calceonia | Charles B. Danforth | Mrs. Jennie G. Putnam | Bethel | 1903 | Yes | Yes | 1,081 | | 50.00 | \$ 500.00 | 840 |
| Barre, City of | Washington | Barnet public | Mrs. Henrietta Willey | Barnet | 1900 | Yes | Yes | 2,050 | | 100.00 | 75.00 an. | 1,763 |
| " " | " | McIndoes Academy | | | 1909 | No | | 50 | | | | |
| " " | " | Aldrich public | | Barre | 1872 | Yes | No | 8,176 | 65,882 | 300.00 | | 8,448 |
| " " | " | Goddard Seminary | | | 1897 | | | 3,000 | | | | |
| Barton | Orleans | Barton public library | Frances Butler | Barton | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 1,250 | 5,740 | 200.00 | | 3,346 |
| " " | " | Barton Landing branch | Ruth M. Rogers | Orleans | 1891 | Yes | Yes | 2,330 | | | | 2,790 |
| " " | " | Barton Academy | | " | | | | 75 | | | | |
| Belvidere | Lamoille | Barton Landing high school | Mrs. Mary M. Potter | Belvidere Center | 1910 | Yes | Yes | 8,445 | 13,261 | 15.00 | | 428 |
| Bennington | Bennington | Belvidere town | Mrs. Mary B. Merrill | Bennington | 1865 | Yes | Yes | | | 1,200.00 | | 8,033 |
| " " | " | Bennington free | H. S. Wellings | North Bennington | 1900 | Yes | No | 2,300 | | 200 town 100 village | | |
| " " | " | North Bennington free | | | | | | | | | | |
| " " | " | Old Academy | Mrs. Caroline R. Merrill | Bennington Center | 1896 | Yes | No | 2,700 | | | | |
| " " | " | Vermont Soldiers Home | | Bennington | | | | | | | | |
| Benson | Rutland | Benson public | Mrs. Jerry Fowler | Benson | 1898 | Yes | Yes | 1,600 | 3,525 | 100.00 | | 844 |
| Berkshire | Franklin | No | | | | | | | | | | 1,326 |
| Berlin | Washington | No | | | | | | | | | | 1,021 |
| Bethel | Windsor | Bethel public | Mary Gilson | Bethel | 1892 | Yes | No | 2,000 | 3,900 | 40.00 | | 1,611 |

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| Bethel | Windsor | East Bethel | Edith E. Fowler | East Bethel | 1892 | Yes | No | 400 | 550 | \$ | 20.00 | |
| Bloomfield | Essex | No | | | | | | | | | | 564 |
| Bolton | Chittenden | Bradford public | | | 1893 | No | No | 3,635 | | | | 486 |
| Bradford | Orange | Bradford high school | Mrs. Minnie M. G. Carr | Bradford | 1893 | No | No | 3,000 | | | \$ 348.73 ann. | 1,336 |
| Braintree | " | Braintree public | Mrs. Byron Wakefield | East Braintree | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 714 | | 25.00 | | 776 |
| Brandon | Rutland | West Braintree | Lillian Batcheller | Braintree | 1901 | Yes | Yes | 720 | | 25.00 | | |
| | | Brandon free public | Mrs. F. E. Kingsley | Brandon | 1901 | Yes | No | 5,000 | 9,370 | 200.00 | 651.00 | 2,759 |
| Brattleboro | Windham | Brattleboro high school | Mary F. Shaksboer | Brattleboro | 1868 | No | No | 50 | | | | |
| " | " | Brattleboro public | | | 1882 | Yes | No | 18,956 | 34,460 | 2,000.00 | 100.00 ann. | 6,640 |
| " | " | Brattleboro high school | | | | No | | 400 | | 25.00 | | |
| Brattleboro Retreat | " | Brattleboro high school | | | | No | | 5,000 | | | | |
| Bridgewater | Windham | West Bridgewater dram. club | L. F. Lawton | Brattleboro | 1860 | | | | | | | 972 |
| Bridport | Addison | Bridport public | Mrs. Hattie Coates | West Bridgewater | 1909 | Yes | No | 109 | | 25.00 | | 966 |
| Brighton | Essex | Island Pond public | Mrs. W. E. Hough | Bridport | 1909 | Yes | Yes | 314 | 98 | | | 2,003 |
| Bristol | Addison | Bristol free | Leta J. Eaton | Island Pond | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 1,482 | 1,250 | 125.00 | | 2,061 |
| | | Bristol high school | Kate I. Stewart | Bristol | 1902 | Yes | Yes | 1,974 | 6,940 | 800.00 | | |
| Brookfield | Orange | Brookfield library association | Mrs. Laura A. Hood | Brookfield | 1791 | No | No | 2,982 | | | 4.00 ann. | 996 |
| Brookline | Windham | Brookfield high school | | | 1908 | Yes | | 250 | | | | 171 |
| Brownington | Essex | No | | | | | | | | | | 748 |
| Brunswick | Essex | No | | | | | | | | | | 106 |
| Burke | Caledonia | Burlington | Mrs. L. H. Wells | Burke | 1906 | Yes | Yes | 534 | | 30.00 | | 1,184 |
| " | " | East Burke association | Mrs. E. F. Root | East Burke | 1876 | No | No | 525 | | | | |
| Burlington | Chittenden | West Burke association | Mrs. Helen M. Boyce | West Burke | 1894 | No | No | 1,250 | | | | |
| " | " | Fletcher free | George D. Smith | Burlington | 1873 | Yes | No | 35,000 | 61,288 | 5,000.00 | 750.00 ann. | 18,640 |
| " | " | Burlington high school | | | | Yes | No | 1,073 | | 100.00 | | |
| " | " | University of Vermont | Helen B. Shattuck | " | 1836 | Yes | No | 78,159 | | | | |
| Cabot | Washington | Cabot town | W. B. Lance | Cabot | 1896 | Yes | Yes | 1,000 | | 50.00 | 8,874.00 ann. | 1,126 |
| Calais | " | Calais circulating | Mrs. Josephine Converse | Calais | 1832 | No | No | 1,285 | 366 | | | 1,101 |
| " | " | East Calais circulating | Walter J. Coates | East Calais | 1863 | No | No | 1,600 | | | | |
| Cambridge | Lamoille | Cambridge public | Walter J. W. Raymore | Cambridge | 1899 | Yes | Yes | 520 | 797 | 25.00 | | 1,606 |
| " | " | Cambridge public | Carrie P. Carroll | Jeffersonville | 1899 | Yes | Yes | 760 | 1,750 | 25.00 | | |
| " | " | Wilson memorial | A. M. Rice | Jeffersonville | 1904 | Yes | No | 836 | 752 | 25.00 | | |
| Canaan | Essex | Canaan public | Mrs. John Carbie | Canaan | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 1,100 | 1,200 | 50.00 | | 934 |

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Alburgh Town Library,
Athens Public Library,
Cabot Public Library,
Concord Library,
Enosburg Town Library,
Fletcher Public Library,
Franklin Library,
Hartland Public Library,
Newport Town Library,

Orwell Free Library,
Pomfret Public Library,
Randolph Public Library,
Royalton Free Public Library,
Sunderland Town Library,
Waitsfield Public Library,
Waterford Public Library,
Westmore Public Library.

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Castleton Free Public Library,
Highgate Town Library,
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Milton Free Library,

Shoreham Public Library,
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Weybridge Free Public
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Moretown Town Library,
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| Addison | Orleans | Addison free public | Mrs. Myron A. Smith. | Vergennes | 1902 | Yes | Yes | 475 | 290 | \$ 25.00 | | 851 |
| Albany | Orleans | No. | Mrs. Josie R. Lewis. | Alburgh | 1890 | Yes | Yes | 550 | 2,466 | 25.00 | | 1,028 |
| Alburgh | Grand Isle | Alburgh public | Adella E. Stannard | Alburgh | 1896 | Yes | Yes | 2,136 | 2,466 | 25.00 | | 1,474 |
| Andover | Windsor | Andover town | Martha H. Canfield | Arlington | 1899 | No | No | 450 | 511 | | | 372 |
| Arlington | Bennington | Arlington circulating | Mrs. Josephine S. Hastings | Cambridgeport | 1896 | Yes | Yes | 441 | | 15.00 | | 1,193 |
| Athens | Windham | Athens public | Mrs. W. O. Stark | Bakersfield | 1906 | Yes | Yes | 250 | 314 | 25.00 | | 180 |
| Bakersfield | Franklin | Bakersfield free public | Brigham Academy | Bakersfield | 1879 | Yes | No | 1,000 | | | | 1,158 |
| Baltimore | Windsor | No. | No. | | | | | | | | | 55 |
| Barnard | Windsor | Charles B. Danforth | Mrs. Jennie G. Putnam. | Bethel | 1903 | Yes | Yes | 1,081 | | 50.00 | \$ 500.00 | 840 |
| Barnet | Caledonia | Barnet public | Mrs. Henrietta Willey | Barnet | 1900 | Yes | Yes | 2,050 | | 100.00 | 75.00 an. | 1,763 |
| Barre, City of | Washington. | McIndoes Academy | | Barre | 1909 | No | | 50 | | | | |
| " | " | Aldrich public | | | 1872 | Yes | No | 8,176 | 65,882 | 300.00 | | 8,448 |
| " | " | Goddard Seminary | | | 1897 | | | 3,000 | | | | |
| " | " | No. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barton | Orleans | Barton public library | Frances Butler | Barton | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 1,250 | 5,740 | 200.00 | | |
| " | " | Barton Landing branch | Ruth M. Rogers. | Orleans | 1896 | Yes | Yes | 800 | | | | 3,346 |
| " | " | Barton Academy | | " | 1891 | | | 2,330 | | | | 2,790 |
| Belvidere | Lamoille | Belvidere high school | Mrs. Mary M. Potter | Belvidere Center | 1910 | Yes | Yes | 75 | | 15.00 | | 428 |
| Bennington | Bennington | Bennington free | Mrs. Mary B. Merrill | Bennington | 1865 | Yes | Yes | 8,445 | 13,261 | 200 town 100 village | | 8,033 |
| " | " | North Bennington free | H. S. Wellings | North Bennington | 1900 | Yes | No | 2,300 | | | | |
| " | " | Old Academy | Mrs. Caroline R. Merrill | Bennington Center | 1896 | Yes | No | 200 | | | | |
| " | " | Vermont Soldiers Home | Mrs. Jerry Fowler | Bennington | 1898 | Yes | Yes | 1,600 | 3,525 | 100.00 | | 844 |
| Benson | Rutland | Benson public | | Benson | | | | | | | | 1,326 |
| Berkshire | Franklin | No. | | | | | | | | | | 1,021 |
| Berlin | Washington. | No. | | | | | | | | | | 1,611 |
| Bethel | Windsor. | Bethel public | Mary Gilson | Bethel | 1892 | Yes | No | 2,000 | 3,900 | 40.00 | | |

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| Bethel | Windsor | East Bethel | Edith E. Fowler | East Bethel | 1892 | Yes | No | 400 | 550 | \$ 20.00 | | 564 |
| Bloomfield | Essex | No | | | | | | | | | | 486 |
| Bolton | Chittenden | No | | | | | | | | | | 1,338 |
| Bradford | Orange | Bradford public | Mrs. Minnie M. G. Carr | Bradford | 1893 | No | No | 3,635 | | \$ 368.73 an. | | |
| | | Bradford high school | | | | | | 3,000 | | | | |
| Braintree | " | Braintree public | Mrs. Byron Wakefield | East Braintree | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 714 | | 25.00 | | 776 |
| | | West Braintree | Lillian Batcheller | Braintree | 1900 | Yes | Yes | 720 | | 25.00 | | |
| Brandon | Rutland | Brandon free public | Mrs. F. E. Kingsley | Brandon | 1901 | Yes | No | 5,000 | 9,370 | 200.00 | 651.00 | 2,759 |
| | | Brandon high school | | | 1868 | No | No | 50 | | | | |
| Brattleboro | Windham | Brattleboro public | Mary F. Shaksheber | Brattleboro | 1882 | Yes | No | 18,956 | 34,460 | 2,000.00 | 100.00 an. | 6,640 |
| | | Brattleboro high school | | | 1882 | No | No | 400 | | 25.00 | | |
| | | Brattleboro Retreat | L. E. Lawton | Brattleboro | 1860 | | | 5,000 | | | | |
| Bridgewater | Windsor | West Bridgewater dram. club | Mrs. Hattie Coates | West Bridgewater | 1909 | Yes | No | 109 | | | | 972 |
| Bridport | Addison | Bridport public | Mrs. W. F. Hough | Bridport | 1909 | Yes | Yes | 314 | 98 | 25.00 | | 956 |
| Brighton | Essex | Island Pond public | Leta J. Eaton | Island Pond | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 1,482 | 1,250 | 125.00 | | 2,023 |
| Bristol | Addison | Bristol free | Kate I. Stewart | Bristol | 1902 | Yes | Yes | 1,974 | 6,900 | 800.00 | | 2,061 |
| | | Bristol high school | | | | | | 100 | | | | |
| Brookfield | Orange | Brookfield library association | Mrs. Laura A. Hood | Brookfield | 1791 | No | No | 2,982 | | | 4.00 an. | 996 |
| | | Brookfield high school | | | 1908 | Yes | | 250 | | | | |
| Brookline | Windham | No | | | | | | | | | | 171 |
| Brownington | Orleans | No | | | | | | | | | | 748 |
| Bruswick | Essex | No | | | | | | | | | | 106 |
| Burke | Caledonia | Burrington | Mrs. L. H. Wells | Burke | 1906 | Yes | Yes | 534 | | 30.00 | | 1,184 |
| | | East Burke association. | Mrs. E. F. Root | East Burke | 1876 | No | No | 525 | | | | |
| | | West Burke association. | Mrs. Helen M. Boyce | West Burke | 1894 | No | No | 1,250 | | | | |
| Burlington | Chittenden | Pletcher free | George D. Smith | Burlington | 1873 | Yes | No | 35,000 | 61,288 | 5,000.00 | 750.00 an. | 18,640 |
| | | Burlington high school | | | | Yes | | 1,073 | | 100.00 | | |
| | | University of Vermont | Helen B. Shattuck | " | 1836 | Yes | No | 78,159 | | | 8,874.00 an. | |
| Cabot | Washington | Cabot town | W. B. Lance | Cabot | 1896 | Yes | Yes | 1,000 | | 50.00 | | 1,126 |
| Calais | " | Calais circulating | Mrs. Josephine Converse | Calais | 1832 | No | No | 1,285 | | | | 1,101 |
| | | East Calais circulating | Walter J. Coates | East Calais | 1863 | No | No | 1,600 | | | | |
| Cambridge | Lamoille | Cambridge public. | Mrs. J. W. Raymore | Cambridge | 1899 | Yes | Yes | 520 | 797 | 25.00 | | 1,606 |
| | | Crescendo. | Currie P. Carroll | Jeffersonville | 1899 | Yes | Yes | 760 | | 25.00 | | |
| | | Wilson memorial | A. M. Rice | | 1904 | Yes | No | 836 | 752 | 25.00 | | |
| Canaan | Essex | Canaan public | Mrs. John Carble | Canaan | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 1,100 | 1,200 | 50.00 | | 934 |

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| Hinesburg | Chittenden | Hinesburg high school. | | | | | | 50 | | | | 288 |
| Holland | Orleans | No. | | | | | | | | | | 288 |
| Hubbardton | Rutland | No. | | | | | | | | | | 798 |
| Huntington | Chittenden | (Elected trustees) | | | | | | | | | | 1,472 |
| Hyde Park | Lamoille | Hyde Park public. | D. H. Scribner | Hyde Park | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 1,500 | | \$ 50.00 | | 1,550 |
| Ira | Rutland | No. | | | | | | | | | | 899 |
| Irasburg | Orleans | No. | | | | | | | | | | 900 |
| Isle La Motte | Grand Isle | Isle La Motte free public | Cynthia N. Ritchie | Isle La Motte | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 700 | 915 | 15.00 | | 830 |
| Jay | Windham | No. | | | | | | | | | | 1,373 |
| Jericho | Orleans | Jericho town | Mrs. Jennie W. Hart | Jericho | 1899 | Yes | Yes | 982 | | 85.00 | | 1,391 |
| Johnson | Chittenden | Johnson public | Mrs. C. H. Stearns | Johnson | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 1,323 | | 50.00 | | |
| " | Lamoille | State normal school | | | 1867 | No | | 6,160 | | | | 350 |
| Kirby | Caledonia | Kirby free public | Mrs. Mary E. Davis | Lyndonville | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 840 | 200 | 15.00 | | 325 |
| Landgrove | Bennington | Landgrove public | Mrs. Gracie M. Harris | So. Londonderry | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 325 | 186 | 16.00 | | 609 |
| Leicester | Addison | No. | | | | | | | | | | 204 |
| Lemington | Essex | No. | | | | | | | | | | 1,152 |
| Lincoln | Addison | Ladies' Aid | Mrs Bert Siple | Lincoln Center | 1899 | Yes | Yes | 1,075 | | 25.00 | | 981 |
| Londonderry | Windham | Londonderry associa'n | Helen Rounds | Londonderry | 1882 | No | No | 1,014 | | | | |
| " | " | So. Londonderry asso. | George A. Coombs | So Londonderry | 1902 | No | No | 1,000 | 900 | | | 982 |
| Lowell | Orleans | Lowelltown | Mrs. M. Violet Sanborn | Lowell | 1910 | Yes | No | 116 | | | | 2,042 |
| Ludlow | Windsor | Fletcher memorial | Frances M. Pierce | Ludlow | 1870 | Yes | No | 8,608 | 17,027 | 325.06 | | |
| " | " | Black River academy | | | 1870 | Yes | | 3,200 | | | | 968 |
| Lunenburg | Essex | Alden Balch memorial | Julia R. White | Lunenburg | 1904 | Yes | Yes | 1,417 | 2,200 | 125.00 | | 2,956 |
| Lyndon | Caledonia | Cobleigh public | Elizabeth C. Hills | Lyndonville | 1896 | Yes | Yes | 3,839 | 16,391 | 800.00 | \$ 160.00 an. | |
| " | " | Lyndon institute | | | 1893 | | | 2,000 | | | | 206 |
| Maldstone* | Essex | Mark Skinner | Eleanor Eggleston | Manchester | 1897 | No | No | 17,225 | 12,087 | | 1,600.00 an. | 1,865 |
| Manchester | Bennington | Burr & Burton Semin'y | | | 1826 | Yes | | 1,500 | | | | 448 |
| Marlboro | Windham | No. | | | | | | | | | | 1,082 |
| Marshfield | Washington | Jaquith public | Mrs. Mabel Cameron | Marshfield | 1899 | Yes | No | 3,768 | 5,729 | 125.00 | 160.00 an. | 1,392 |
| Mendon | Rutland | Ladies' association | | | 1868 | No | No | 6,700 | | | 490.00 an. | 8,045 |
| Middlebury | Addison | Egbert Starr | Etta M. Clark | Middlebury | 1800 | No | No | 30,000 | 2,950 | | | |
| " | " | Middlebury high school | | | 1906 | No | | 508 | | 50.00 | | |

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| Middlesex..... | Washington | No..... | No..... | Middletown Sps. | 1899 | Yes | Yes | 1,400 | 2,240 | \$180.00 | | 888 |
| Middletown Spr'gs | Rutland | Milton free. | Mrs. Sophronia Greene. | Milton | 1898 | Yes | Yes | 1,400 | 2,240 | ..... | ..... | 746 |
| Milton..... | Chittenden | Milton graded school | Winifred Flynn. | ..... | 1898 | Yes | Yes | 200 | 1,350 | 25.00 | ..... | 1,804 |
| Monkton..... | Addison | No..... | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 912 |
| Montgomery..... | Franklin | Montgomery free. | Mrs. L. Belle D. Head. | Montgomery Ctr. | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 631 | 25.00 | ..... | ..... | 1,876 |
| Montpelier..... | Washington | Kellogg Hubbard | Evelyn S. Lease. | Montpelier | 1894 | Yes | No | 21,290 | 48,387 | \$8,732.75 an | ..... | 6,266 |
| " | " | Vermont State | George W. Wing. | ..... | 1825 | Yes | ..... | 54,566 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| " | " | Montpelier high school | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 860 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| " | " | Montpelier Seminary | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Morrtown..... | " | Montpelier public. | Florence A. Haylett | Morrtown | 1898 | Yes | Yes | 154 | 50.00 | ..... | ..... | 902 |
| Morgan..... | Orleans | No..... | No..... | ..... | 1905 | Yes | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 510 |
| Morristown..... | Lamolle | Morristown Centennal | Frederick G. Fleetwood | Morristown | 1891 | Yes | No | 3,000 | 9,000 | 175.00 | 54.00 an | 2,583 |
| Mt. Holly..... | Rutland | People's Academy | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 550 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 999 |
| Mt. Tabor..... | " | No..... | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 484 |
| Newark..... | Caledonia | No..... | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 500 |
| Newbury..... | Orange | Tenney Memorial | Frances M. Atkinson | Newbury | 1897 | Yes | No | 6,257 | 6,178 | 150.00 | 320.00 an | 3,125 |
| Newfane..... | Windham | Wells River | Mrs. Caroline S. Parker | Wells River | 1854 | No | No | 2,000 | 1,827 | ..... | ..... | 905 |
| New Haven..... | Addison | Moore free. | Mrs. Philary C. Moore | Newfane | 1894 | Yes | No | 4,000 | 3,424 | ..... | 150.00 an | 1,107 |
| Newport..... | Orleans | New Haven town. | George C. Coates. | New Haven | 1901 | Yes | Yes | 700 | 25.00 | ..... | ..... | 8,113 |
| Northfield..... | Washington | Goodrich memorial | Lizzie M. Sargent. | Newport | 1899 | Yes | No | 8,446 | 22,731 | 170.00 | 32,000.00 | 2,855 |
| " | " | Brown public | Ellen L. Brown | Northfield | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 2,420 | 10,750 | 600.00 | ..... | ..... |
| " | " | Northfield high school | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 500 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| North Hero..... | " | Norwich University | Helen Cramton. | Northfield | 1819 | Yes | No | 15,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 712 |
| Norwich..... | Grand Isle | No..... | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,308 |
| Norton..... | Windsor | Norwich public | Mary F. Olds. | Norwich | 1881 | No | No | 3,084 | 1,558 | ..... | ..... | 692 |
| Orange..... | Essex | No..... | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 595 |
| Orwell..... | Orange | Orange town. | Iris L. Richardson. | Orange | 1880 | Yes | Yes | 575 | 150 | 15.00 | ..... | 1,150 |
| Panton..... | Addison | Orange free. | Addie M. Raymond. | Orwell | 1896 | Yes | ..... | 1,885 | 3,701 | 150.00 | ..... | 409 |
| Pawlet..... | " | No..... | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,731 |
| Peacham..... | Rutland | Pawlet public. | Orlando Bushee. | Pawlet | 1903 | Yes | Yes | 1,299 | 5,000 | 200.00 | ..... | 794 |
| Pennington..... | Caledonia | Juvenile library asso. | Mrs. Kate I. Hutchison | Peacham | 1810 | No | No | 3,445 | ..... | ..... | 100.00 an | 873 |
| Perra..... | Bennington | Peru free public | Mrs. Effie L. Russell. | Peru | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 725 | 600 | 15.00 | ..... | 373 |
| Pittsfield..... | Rutland | Pittsfield free. | Mrs. Ida Durkee. | Pittsfield | 1901 | Yes | Yes | 403 | | 25.00 | | 435 |

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| Sutton..... | Caledonia..... | League..... | Mrs. O. T. Curtis..... | Clark..... | 1899..... | Yes..... | No..... | 3,744..... | 8,453..... | \$ 200.00..... | | 3,745..... |
| Swanton..... | Franklin..... | Swanton free..... | Elizabeth Rogers..... | Swanton..... | 1899..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 500..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,249..... |
| Thetford..... | Orange..... | Latham memorial..... | Mrs. F. E. Garey..... | Thetford..... | 1878..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 2,600..... | ..... | 35.00 \$..... | 60.00 an..... | 1,249..... |
| Timothy..... | "..... | Peabody..... | Alice L. Dodge..... | Post Mills..... | 1866..... | Yes..... | No..... | 5,000..... | ..... | ..... | 3,000.00..... | 404..... |
| Topsam..... | Rutland..... | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,117..... |
| Townshend..... | Orange..... | Townshend free..... | Mrs. Ellen M. Plumb..... | Townshend..... | 1899..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 600..... | 1,300..... | 25.00..... | ..... | 1,140..... |
| Troy..... | Windham..... | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 833..... |
| Tunbridge..... | Orange..... | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,467..... |
| Underhill..... | Chittenden..... | Underhill town..... | Mrs. Leslie Terrill..... | Underhill Center..... | 1903..... | Yes..... | No..... | 715..... | 900..... | 25.00..... | ..... | 1,140..... |
| Vergennes..... | Addison..... | Vergennes city..... | Adella E. Ingham..... | Vergennes..... | 1876..... | No..... | Yes..... | 3,406..... | 2,950..... | 250.00..... | ..... | 1,753..... |
| Vernon..... | "..... | Vt. Industrial school..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 250..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 578..... |
| Vershire..... | Windham..... | Vernon free..... | Mrs. E. H. Akley..... | Dummer..... | 1905..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 450..... | ..... | 25.00..... | ..... | 578..... |
| Victory..... | Orange..... | Vershire public..... | Mrs. F. J. Akerman..... | Vershire..... | 1895..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 1,000..... | ..... | 15.00..... | ..... | 641..... |
| Waitsfield..... | Essex..... | Victory public..... | Mrs. E. M. Story..... | Victory..... | 1897..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 325..... | ..... | 15.00..... | ..... | 321..... |
| Walden..... | Washington..... | Waitsfield town..... | Mrs. Flora Moriarty..... | Waitsfield..... | 1900..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 901..... | 2,367..... | 75.00..... | ..... | 760..... |
| Wallingford..... | Caledonia..... | Walden free public..... | George T. Eastman..... | South Walden..... | 1896..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 513..... | 424..... | 25.00..... | ..... | 764..... |
| Walton..... | Rutland..... | Gilbert Hart..... | May L. Congdon..... | Wallingford..... | 1894..... | Yes..... | No..... | 4,000..... | 9,156..... | 441.91..... | ..... | 1,575..... |
| Warren..... | Addison..... | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 700..... | ..... | 15.00..... | ..... | 264..... |
| Washington..... | Windham..... | Wardsboro free..... | Mrs. L. S. Axtell..... | Wardsboro..... | 1899..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 343..... | ..... | 15.00..... | ..... | 637..... |
| Waterbury..... | Orange..... | Warren public..... | Mrs. M. R. Goodspeed..... | Warren..... | 1900..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 1,000..... | 75..... | 25.00..... | ..... | 826..... |
| Waterville..... | Washington..... | Washington public..... | Mrs. George W. Downing..... | Washington..... | 1880..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 1,000..... | 153..... | 25.00..... | 40.00 an..... | 820..... |
| Waterville..... | Washington..... | Waterbury public..... | Mrs. Alice M. Smith..... | Waterbury..... | 1888..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 8,125..... | 12,801..... | 402.00..... | 750.00 an..... | 2,810..... |
| Weathersfield..... | Caledonia..... | Waterford free public..... | Caroline H. Streeter..... | Waterford..... | 1896..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 576..... | ..... | 26.03..... | ..... | 705..... |
| Wells..... | Lamoille..... | Waterville town..... | Mrs. Nettie Beard..... | Waterville..... | 1895..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 372..... | ..... | 15.00..... | ..... | 529..... |
| West Fairlee..... | Windsor..... | Proctor..... | Nellie P. Blanchard..... | Ascutneyville..... | 1903..... | Yes..... | No..... | 1,227..... | 1,259..... | 150.00..... | ..... | 1,089..... |
| West Fairlee..... | Rutland..... | No..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 980..... | 62..... | 25.00..... | ..... | 606..... |
| Westfield..... | Orange..... | West Fairlee town..... | Maudie A. Bliss..... | West Fairlee..... | 1905..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 800..... | ..... | 15.00..... | ..... | 631..... |
| Westford..... | Orleans..... | Westfield public..... | Mrs. E. Hitchcock..... | Westfield..... | 1899..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 800..... | ..... | 25.00..... | ..... | 646..... |
| West Haven..... | Chittenden..... | Westford free..... | Mrs. John E. Allen..... | Westford..... | 1895..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 850..... | ..... | 25.00..... | ..... | 488..... |
| Westminster..... | Rutland..... | West Haven free..... | Mrs. S. R. Hitchcock..... | West Haven..... | 1899..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 417..... | ..... | 74.00..... | ..... | 355..... |
| Westmore..... | Windham..... | Ladies' Aid society..... | Rev. R. T. Chafer..... | Westminster W..... | 1870..... | Yes..... | No..... | 1,180..... | 42..... | ..... | 45.00 an..... | 1,295..... |
| Weston..... | Orleans..... | Westmore public..... | Joseph Legacy..... | Westmore..... | 1896..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 875..... | 240..... | 15.00..... | ..... | 1,390..... |
| | | Wilder memorial..... | Nannie J. French..... | Weston..... | 1898..... | Yes..... | Yes..... | 1,145..... | | 54.77..... | 50.00 an..... | 756..... |

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| St. Albans, Town | Franklin | St. Albans high school | | | | | | 500 | | | | 1,715 |
| St. George | Chittenden | No | | | | | | | | | | 1,790 |
| St. Johnsbury | Caledonia | St. Johnsbury Athen. m | Edward T. Fairbanks | St. Johnsbury | 1871 | Yes | No | 18,000 | 30,364 | | \$ 60,000.00 | 7,010 |
| " | " | " | Della I. Griffin | | 1890 | Yes | No | 500 | 848 | | | |
| Salisbury | Addison | Salisbury public | Samuel H. Kelley | Salisbury | 1901 | Yes | Yes | 1,038 | | \$ 25.00 | | 692 |
| Searsburg | Bennington | No | | | | | | | | | | 482 |
| Shelburne | " | No | | | | | | | | | | 161 |
| Sharon | Windsor | No. Shaftesbury asso. | Mrs. Fred Eddy | So. Shaftesbury | 1874 | No | No | 850 | | | | 1,857 |
| Shelfield | Caledonia | Shelfield free public | Mrs. B. P. Slack | Sharon | 1893 | Yes | Yes | 1,297 | 106 | 25.00 | | 709 |
| Shelburne | Chittenden | Shelburne free public | Mildred Chealey | Shelfield | 1905 | Yes | Yes | 274 | 15.00 | | | 724 |
| | | Shelburne free school | Hannah B. Tracy | Shelburne | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 2,102 | 2,432 | 150.00 | | 1,202 |
| Sheldon | Franklin | Sheldon free public | Walter Curtis | Sheldon | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 250 | | | | |
| Sherburne | Rutland | No | | | | | | 1,703 | 2,882 | 100.00 | 120.00 an. | 1,341 |
| Shrewsbury | Rutland | Platt memorial | Mrs. S. R. Witherell | Shoreham | 1898 | Yes | Yes | 2,300 | 2,303 | 175.00 | | 402 |
| Somerset | Windham | No | | | | | | | | | | 1,193 |
| So. Burlington | Chittenden | No | | | | | | | | | | 935 |
| South Hero | Grand lac. | So. Hero public | Mary Allen | South Hero | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 521 | 252 | 50.00 | | 971 |
| Springfield | Windsor | Springfield high school | Mrs. Kate W. Barney | Springfield | 1886 | Yes | Yes | 6,801 | 44,178 | 1,200.09 | 153.52 an. | 3,432 |
| Stamford | Bennington | Stamford public | | Stamford | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 100 | | 15.00 | | 677 |
| Stannard | Caledonia | No | | | | | | 557 | 512 | | | 222 |
| Starkboro | Addison | No | | | | | | | | | | 902 |
| Stockbridge | Windsor | Stockbridge free public | John A. Chedel | Gayville | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 225 | | 100.00 | 10,000.00 | 822 |
| Stowe | Lamolle | Belcher | Mrs. Mary A. Jenney | Stowe | 1866 | Yes | Yes | 3,982 | 3,200 | 50.00 | | 1,926 |
| Stratford | Orange | Stowe free | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sudbury | Windham | Harris | Mrs. G. M. Moore | Stratford | 1855 | Yes | No | 6,000 | | | 181.50 an. | 1,000 |
| Sunderland | Rutland | No | | | | | | | | | | 271 |
| Sutton | Bennington | Sunderland | | Arlington | 1896 | Yes | Yes | | | | | 474 |
| | Caledonia | Sutton free | Lucy Holtham | Sutton | 1896 | Yes | Yes | 900 | 993 | 25.00 | | 518 |
| | | | | | 1896 | Yes | Yes | | | | | 694 |

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| Sutton | Caledonia | League | Mrs. O. T. Curtis | Clark | 1899 | Yes | No | 3,744 | 8,453 | \$ 200.00 | | 3,745 |
| Swanton | Franklin | Swanton free | Elizabeth Rogers | Swanton | 1899 | Yes | Yes | 500 | | | | |
| Thetford | Orange | Swanton public school | Mrs. F. E. Garey | Thetford | 1878 | Yes | Yes | 2,600 | | 35.00 | \$ 60.00 ad. | 1,249 |
| Tipton | Orange | Latham memorial | Alice L. Dodge | Post Mills | 1866 | Yes | No | 5,000 | | | 3,000.00 | 404 |
| Townshend | Rutland | Leahody | No | Townshend | 1899 | Yes | Yes | 600 | | | | 1,117 |
| Troy | Orange | No | Mrs. Ellen M. Plumb | Townshend | 1899 | Yes | Yes | 600 | | | | 833 |
| Underhill | Orange | Townshend free | Mrs. Leslie Terrill | Underhill Center | 1903 | Yes | Yes | 715 | 900 | 25.00 | | 1,140 |
| Vergennes | Addison | Underhill town | Adella E. Ingham | Vergennes | 1876 | No | No | 3,406 | 2,950 | 250.00 | | 1,753 |
| Vernon | Windham | Vergennes city | Mrs. F. H. Akley | Dummer | 1905 | Yes | Yes | 450 | | 25.00 | | 578 |
| Victory | Orange | Vt. Industrial school | Mrs. F. J. Alteman | Vershire | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 1,000 | | 15.00 | | 641 |
| Waitsfield | Essex | Vernon free | Mrs. E. M. Story | Vershire | 1897 | Yes | Yes | 325 | | 15.00 | | 321 |
| Walden | Washington | Victory public | Mrs. Flora Moriarty | Waitsfield | 1900 | Yes | Yes | 901 | 2,367 | 75.00 | | 760 |
| Wallingford | Caledonia | Waitsfield town | George T. Eastman | South Walden | 1896 | Yes | Yes | 513 | 424 | 25.00 | | 764 |
| Waltham | Rutland | Walden free public | May L. Congdon | Wallingford | 1894 | Yes | No | 4,000 | 9,156 | 441.91 | | 1,775 |
| Warren | Addison | Gilbert Hart | No | Wardsboro | 1899 | Yes | Yes | 700 | | 15.00 | | 264 |
| Wardsboro | Windham | No | Mrs. L. S. Axtell | Wardsboro | 1899 | Yes | Yes | 700 | | 15.00 | | 637 |
| Washington | Orange | Wardsboro free | Mrs. M. R. Goodspeed | Wardsboro | 1900 | Yes | Yes | 343 | | 25.00 | | 826 |
| Waterbury | Washington | Warren public | Mrs. George W. Downing | Washington | 1880 | Yes | Yes | 1,000 | 153 | 25.00 | 40.00 ad. | 820 |
| Waterville | Caledonia | Washington public | Mrs. Alice M. Smith | Washington | 1888 | Yes | Yes | 8,125 | 12,801 | 402.00 | 750.00 ad. | 2,810 |
| Waterville | Lamoille | Waterbury public | Caroline H. Streeter | Waterville | 1886 | Yes | Yes | 576 | | 26.03 | | 705 |
| Weathersfield | Windsor | Waterville town | Mrs. Nettie Beard | Waterville | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 872 | | 15.00 | | 529 |
| Wells | Rutland | Proctor | Nellie P. Blanchard | Ascutneyville | 1903 | Yes | No | 1,221 | 1,259 | 159.00 | | 1,889 |
| West Fairlee | Orange | No | Maudie A. Bliss | West Fairlee | 1905 | Yes | Yes | 960 | 62 | 25.00 | | 606 |
| Westfield | Orleans | West Fairlee town | Mrs. E. Hitchcock | Westfield | 1899 | Yes | Yes | 800 | | 15.00 | | 531 |
| Westford | Chittenden | Westfield free | Mrs. John E. Allen | Westfield | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 850 | | 25.00 | | 646 |
| West Haven | Rutland | West Haven free | Mrs. S. R. Hitchcock | West Haven | 1899 | Yes | Yes | 417 | | 74.00 | | 888 |
| Westminster | Windham | Ladies' Aid society | Rev. R. T. Chafer | Westminster W. | 1870 | Yes | No | 1,130 | 42 | | 45.00 ad. | 1,295 |
| Westmore | Windham | Westmore | Nanna J. French | Westmore | 1896 | Yes | Yes | 375 | 240 | 15.00 | | 390 |
| Weston | Windsor | Windsor memorial | Nanna J. French | Weston | 1898 | Yes | Yes | 1,145 | | 54.77 | 50.00 ad. | 756 |

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| West Rutland... | Rutland | West Rutland town... | Agnes A. Carmody | West Rutland... | 1881 | Yes | No | 2,050 | 6,815 | \$ 392.84 | | 2,914 |
| West Windsor... | Windsor | Mary L. Blood memoir... | J. A. Savage | Brownsville... | 1901 | Yes | Yes | 1,800 | ..... | 75.00 | \$ 120.00 an. | 518 |
| Weybridge... | Addison | Cotton free public... | Mrs. E. L. Thompson | Middlebury... | 1898 | Yes | Yes | 1,945 | ..... | ..... | 250.00 an. | 584 |
| Weyrock... | Addison | Whiteck free... | Mrs. C. L. Gerry | Wheeler... | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 500 | ..... | 15.00 | ..... | 587 |
| Whiting... | Addison | Whiting town... | Mrs. C. Mason | Whiting... | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 400 | ..... | 15.00 | ..... | 981 |
| Whitingham... | Windham | Whitingham free... | Mrs. L. H. Sawyer | Whitingham... | 1898 | Yes | Yes | 634 | 1,278 | 25.00 | ..... | 1,042 |
| Williamstown... | Orange | Williamstown free pub... | Mildred J. Drury | Williamstown... | 1907 | Yes | No | 180 | 185 | ..... | ..... | 1,610 |
| " | " | Williamstown high sch... | Charles L. Hayward | " | 1801 | No | No | 8,500 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Williston... | Chittenden | Williston public... | Sylvia A. Warren | Williston... | 1905 | Yes | Yes | 553 | 794 | 25.00 | ..... | 1,176 |
| Wilmington... | Windham | Petticoat memoir... | Kathleen Plimlee | Wilmington... | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 2,100 | ..... | 200.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,221 |
| Windham... | Windham | Windham town... | Mrs. H. E. Wood | Windham... | 1895 | Yes | Yes | 759 | 1,225 | 15.00 | ..... | 1,556 |
| Windsor... | Windsor | Windsor town... | Marsh O. Perkins | Windsor... | 1883 | Yes | No | 11,000 | 16,065 | 450.00 | 525.00 an. | 656 |
| Winhall... | Bennington | State Prison... | Rev. A. W. Ford | " | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,337 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 449 |
| Wolcott... | Lamont | No... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1,086 |
| Woodbury... | Washington | Woodbury public... | Mrs. Maude E. Daniels | Woodbury... | 1896 | Yes | Yes | 455 | 1,000 | 15.00 | ..... | 1,882 |
| Woodford... | Bennington | Woodford City... | ..... | ..... | 1904 | Yes | No | 170 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 279 |
| Woodstock... | Windsor | Norman Williams... | Mrs O. B. Jaquith | Woodstock... | 1885 | Yes | No | 16,828 | 22,821 | ..... | 2,720.00 an. | 2,557 |
| Worcester... | Washington | No... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 636 |

